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By Representatives Clements and Lambert

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1 AN ACT Relating to examinations for electricians; and amending RCW
2 19.28.530.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.530 and 1997 c 309 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Upon receipt of the application, the department shall review
7 the application and determine whether the applicant is eligible to take
8 an examination for the journeyman or specialty certificate of
9 competency.

10 (a) To be eligible to take the examination for a journeyman
11 certificate the applicant must have:

12 (i) Worked in the electrical construction trade for a minimum of
13 four years employed full time, of which two years shall be in
14 industrial or commercial electrical installation under the supervision
15 of a journeyman electrician and not more than a total of two years in
16 all specialties under the supervision of a journeyman electrician or an
17 appropriate specialty electrician; or

18 (ii) Successfully completed an apprenticeship program approved
19 under chapter 49.04 RCW for the electrical construction trade.

1 (b) To be eligible to take the examination to become a specialty
2 electrician the applicant shall have:

3 (i) Worked in that specialty of the electrical construction trade,
4 under the supervision of a journeyman electrician or an appropriate
5 specialty electrician, for a minimum of two years employed full time;
6 (~~or~~)

7 (ii) Successfully completed an approved apprenticeship program
8 under chapter 49.04 RCW for the applicant's specialty in the electrical
9 construction trade;

10 (iii) Successfully completed an approved apprenticeship program
11 that includes curriculum in electrical maintenance; or

12 (iv) Five years' employment in the trade of electrical maintenance,
13 certified by the applicant's employer or employers.

14 (c) Any applicant who has successfully completed a two-year program
15 in the electrical construction trade at public community or technical
16 colleges, or not-for-profit nationally accredited technical or trade
17 schools licensed by the work force training and education coordinating
18 board under chapter 28C.10 RCW may substitute up to two years of the
19 technical or trade school program for two years of work experience
20 under a journeyman electrician. The applicant shall obtain the
21 additional two years of work experience required in industrial or
22 commercial electrical installation prior to the beginning, or after the
23 completion, of the technical school program. Any applicant who has
24 received training in the electrical construction trade in the armed
25 service of the United States may be eligible to take the examination
26 for the certificate of competency.

27 (d) Any applicant who has successfully completed a two-year program
28 that includes curriculum in electrical maintenance or the applicant's
29 specialty in the electrical construction trade at public community or
30 technical colleges, or not-for-profit nationally accredited technical
31 or trade schools licensed by the work force training and education
32 coordinating board under chapter 28C.10 RCW may substitute up to two
33 years of the technical or trade school program for two years of work
34 experience under the supervision of a journeyman electrician or an
35 appropriate specialty electrician.

36 (e) No other requirement for eligibility may be imposed.

37 (2) The department shall establish reasonable rules for the
38 examinations to be given applicants for certificates of competency. In
39 establishing the rules, the department shall consult with the board.

1 Upon determination that the applicant is eligible to take the
2 examination, the department shall so notify the applicant, indicating
3 the time and place for taking the examination.

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