

1 **ESSB 5713** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2724.4/03) **472 FAILED 4/18/03**
2 By Representative Schindler

3 On page 17 of the striking amendment, line 12, after "(c)"
4 insert the following:

5 Before December 1, 2003, a person who provides evidence in a
6 form prescribed by the department affirming that he or she has
7 worked in the HVAC/refrigeration specialty for a minimum of four
8 thousand hours may obtain a HVAC/refrigeration specialty
9 electrician certificate of competency without examination.

10 (d)-

11 Reletter the remaining subsections and correct internal
12 references accordingly.

13 On page 25 of the striking amendment, after line 8, insert the
14 following:

15 "**Sec. 901.** RCW 19.28.061 and 2002 c 249 s 3 are each amended
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) Each applicant for an electrical contractor's license,
18 other than an individual, shall designate a supervisory employee or
19 member of the firm to take the required master electrician's or
20 administrator's examination. (~~Effective July 1, 1987, a~~) A
21 supervisory employee designated as the electrical contractor's
22 master electrician or administrator shall be a full-time
23 supervisory employee. This person shall be designated as master
24 electrician or administrator under the license. No person may
25 concurrently qualify as master electrician or administrator for
26 more than one contractor. If the relationship of the master
27 electrician or administrator with the electrical contractor is

1 terminated, the contractor's license is void within ninety days
2 unless another master electrician or administrator is qualified by
3 the board. However, if the master electrician or administrator
4 dies or is otherwise incapacitated, the contractor's license is
5 void within one hundred eighty days unless another master
6 electrician or administrator is qualified by the board. The
7 contractor must notify the department in writing within ten days if
8 the master electrician's or administrator's relationship with the
9 contractor terminates due to the master electrician's or
10 administrator's death or incapacitation.

11 (2) The department must issue an administrator's certificate to
12 all applicants who have passed the examination as provided in RCW
13 19.28.051 and this section, and who have complied with the rules
14 adopted under this chapter, or who qualify to obtain an
15 administrator's certificate without examination under subsection
16 (3) of this section. The administrator's certificate must bear the
17 date of issuance, expires on the holder's birthday, and is
18 nontransferable. The certificate must be renewed every three
19 years, upon application, on or before the holder's birthday.

20 (a) If the certificate holder demonstrates to the department
21 that he or she has satisfactorily completed an annual eight-hour
22 continuing education course, the certificate may be renewed by
23 appropriate application without examination unless the certificate
24 has been revoked, suspended, or not renewed within ninety days
25 after the expiration date.

26 (b) The contents and requirements for satisfactory completion
27 of the continuing education course must be determined by the
28 director and approved by the board.

29 (c) The department must accept proof of a certificate holder's
30 satisfactory completion of a continuing education course offered in
31 another state as meeting the requirements for maintaining a current
32 Washington state certificate if the department is satisfied the
33 course is comparable in nature to that required in Washington state
34 for maintaining a current certificate.

35 (3) Before December 1, 2003, a person who provides evidence in
36 a form prescribed by the department affirming that he or she has
37 worked in the HVAC/refrigeration specialty for a minimum of eight
38 thousand hours may obtain a HVAC/refrigeration specialty electrical
39 administrator certificate of competency without examination.

1 (4) A fee must be assessed for each administrator's certificate
2 and for each renewal. An individual holding more than one
3 administrator's certificate under this chapter is not required to
4 pay fees for more than one certificate. The department must set
5 the fees by rule for issuance and renewal of a certificate. The
6 fees must cover, but not exceed, the costs of issuing the
7 certificates and of administering and enforcing the administrator
8 certification requirements of this chapter.

9 (~~(4)~~) (5) The department may deny an application for an
10 administrator's certificate for up to two years if the applicant's
11 previous administrator's certificate has been revoked for a serious
12 violation and all appeals concerning the revocation have been
13 exhausted. For the purposes of this section only, a serious
14 violation is a violation that presents imminent danger to the
15 public. The certificate may be renewed for a three-year period
16 without examination by appropriate application unless the
17 certificate has been revoked, suspended, or not renewed within
18 ninety days after the expiration date. If the certificate is not
19 renewed before the expiration date, the individual shall pay twice
20 the usual fee. A person may take the administrator's examination
21 as many times as necessary to pass without limit.

22 (~~(5)~~) (6) The designated master electrician or administrator
23 shall:

24 (a) Be a member of the firm or a supervisory employee and shall
25 be available during working hours to carry out the duties of an
26 administrator under this section;

27 (b) Ensure that all electrical work complies with the
28 electrical installation laws and rules of the state;

29 (c) Ensure that the proper electrical safety procedures are
30 used;

31 (d) Ensure that all electrical labels, permits, and licenses
32 required to perform electrical work are used;

33 (e) See that corrective notices issued by an inspecting
34 authority are complied with; and

35 (f) Notify the department in writing within ten days if the
36 master electrician or administrator terminates the relationship
37 with the electrical contractor.

1 (~~(+6)~~) (7) The department shall not by rule change the
2 administrator's duties under subsection (~~(+5)~~) (6) of this
3 section."

4 Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
5 accordingly.

EFFECT: Provides that, before December 1, 2003, certain persons may be certified as HVAC/refrigeration specialty electrical administrators or electricians without examination. For administrators, these are persons that have worked in HVAC/refrigeration for 8,000 hours. For electricians, these are persons that have worked in HVAC/refrigeration for 4,000 hours.