
Commerce & Labor Committee

HB 2546

Brief Description: Concerning classroom training for electrical trainees.

Sponsors: Representatives Van De Wege, Conway, Morrell, Angel, Dunshee and Santos.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Increases the number of classroom hours required to renew an electrical trainee certificate from 16 to 48.
- Changes the requirement for "classroom electrical continuing education courses" to a requirement for "classroom training."

Hearing Date: 1/22/10

Staff: Becca Kenna-Schenk (786-7291) and Jill Reinmuth (786-7134).

Background:

The Department of Labor and Industries (Department) administers electrician certification laws. In order to work in the electrical construction trade, a person must hold a journeyman electrician certificate, a specialty electrician certificate, or an electrical training certificate issued by the Department. Certified electrical trainees working in the trade must be supervised by a certified journeyman or specialty electrician. There are no requirements for obtaining an initial electrical training certificate, other than applying for certification with the Department. Trainees must renew the certificate biennially.

To renew an electrical training certificate, a person must provide the Department with:

- a list of the trainee's employers in the electrical construction industry for the previous biennial period and the number of hours worked for each employer; and
- proof of 16 hours of approved classroom electrical continuing education courses covering national and state electrical codes or electrical theory, or equivalent courses taken as part of an approved apprenticeship or electrical training program.

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Summary of Bill:

The requirements for renewing electrical training certificates are modified. The number of classroom hours required to renew an electrical training certificate is increased from 16 to 48. The requirement for "approved classroom electrical continuing education courses" is replaced with a requirement for "approved classroom training."

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.