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By Senator Saldaña

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1 On page 6, after line 21, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. RCW 19.28.195 and 2018 c 249 s 4 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) ~~((The))~~ Until July 1, 2026, notwithstanding RCW
5 19.28.161(2)(a)(i) and 19.28.191(1)(c)(i), the department ((may))
6 shall permit ((an applicant who obtained experience and training
7 equivalent to a journey level apprenticeship program to take the
8 examination if the applicant establishes that the applicant has the
9 equivalent training and experience and demonstrates good cause for
10 not completing the required minimum hours of work under standards
11 applicable on July 1, 2023));

12 (a) A person issued an electrical training certificate to work to
13 gain the experience required to qualify for the journey level
14 electrician certification examination without registering in an
15 apprenticeship program approved under chapter 49.04 RCW or equivalent
16 out-of-state apprenticeship program if before July 1, 2023, the
17 trainee has:

18 (i) 3,000 hours of lawful experience worked in the electrical
19 construction trade regulated under this chapter; or

20 (ii) Completed a two-year training school program pursuant to RCW
21 19.28.191(1)(e).

22 (b) Electrical trainees described in (a) of this subsection to
23 qualify for the journey level electrician certification examination
24 without completing the work and education requirements of an
25 apprenticeship approved under chapter 49.04 RCW or completing an
26 equivalent out-of-state apprenticeship program. To be eligible to
27 take the examination for a journey level certificate of competency,
28 the applicant must demonstrate 8,000 hours of lawful experience
29 working in the electrical construction trade regulated under this
30 chapter. Four thousand of the hours must be new industrial or
31 commercial electrical installations.

32 (2) This section expires July 1, ~~((2025))~~ 2026."

1 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
2 internal references accordingly.

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3 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "19.28.191" insert "and
4 19.28.195; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date"

EFFECT: Requires, until July 1, 2026, L&I to permit electrical trainees to work to gain the experience required to qualify for the journey level electrician certification examination without registering in an apprenticeship program if the trainee has 3,000 hours of experience in the electrical construction trade or has completed a two-year training school program in the electrical construction trade. Requires L&I to permit these trainees to qualify for the journey level electrical examination if the applicant demonstrates 8,000 hours of experience in the electrical construction trade, 4,000 of which must be new industrial or commercial electrical installations.

Removes the provision allowing L&I to permit an applicant who obtained experience and training equivalent to a journey level apprenticeship program to take the examination if the applicant had good cause for not completing the minimum hours of work.

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