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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES

Introduced By: Representatives Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Filippi, and Roberts

Date Introduced: May 29, 2019

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 28-27 of the General Laws entitled "Mechanical Trades" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **28-27-5.4. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems serviceperson**  
4 **limited license.**

5           A heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) serviceperson's license shall be  
6 granted to any person who has passed an examination before the division. It shall specify the  
7 name of the person, who shall be authorized to work on and repair electric wiring, equipment and  
8 components located in or on an HVAC system to the extent necessary to service, repair, replace  
9 or maintain the HVAC system. The license shall limit the holder to do work on electric wiring,  
10 equipment and components located between the meter and the furnace, boiler, air conditioning  
11 unit(s), heat or air pumps, and/or air handlers.

12           SECTION 2. Section 5-6-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-6 entitled "Electricians" is  
13 hereby amended to read as follows:

14           **5-6-2. Work for which license required.**

15           (a)(1) No person, firm, or corporation shall enter into, engage in, solicit, advertise, bid  
16 for, or work at the business of installing, maintaining, servicing, and testing wires, conduits,  
17 apparatus, fixtures, electrical signs, lightning-protection equipment as defined in § 5-6-1, and  
18 other appliances for carrying or using or generating electricity for light, heat, fire alarms, as  
19 defined in chapter 28.25 of title 23, entitled "Fire Alarm Systems", or power purposes, exclusive

1 of low-voltage wiring for heating/refrigeration equipment, or work at the business of removing  
2 and reattaching existing electrical meters, unless that person, firm, or corporation shall have  
3 received a license and a certificate for the business, issued by the state board of examiners of  
4 electricians of the division of professional regulation of the department of labor and training in  
5 accordance with the provisions set forth in this chapter, [or a limited license issued pursuant to](#)  
6 [chapter 27 of title 28](#).

7 (2) That person shall carry this license on his or her person at all times while so engaged,  
8 and shall affix his or her contractor's license number to any advertisement and/or contract he or  
9 she executes and/or to any bid he or she files with any consumer for his or her professional  
10 services and to any applicable permit required for the performance of those services.

11 (b) Any person, firm, or corporation that is required to apply for a permit from a local  
12 building official for any work required to be performed by a person licensed under the provisions  
13 of this chapter shall cause the work to be performed by a person licensed under the provisions of  
14 this chapter; provided, that the provisions of this section, except the provision regarding removing  
15 and reattaching existing electrical meters, shall not apply to owner-occupied, single-family  
16 homes.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would provide for a limited license to be issued to HVAC service personnel to
- 2 work on electrical wiring, equipment and components when servicing HVAC systems.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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