It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5-6-24 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-6 entitled "Electricians" is hereby amended to read as follows:

5-6-24. Apprentices -- Registration.

(a) This chapter does not forbid the employment of one properly limited-registered apprentice electrician working with and under the direct personal supervision of a licensed journeyperson electrician. Additionally, this chapter does not forbid the employment of: (1) One properly registered apprentice burnerperson working with and under the direct personal supervision of a licensed burnerperson; (2) One properly registered apprentice fire alarm installer working with and under the direct personal supervision of a licensed fire alarm installer; or (3) Two (2) properly registered apprentice electrical sign installers working with and under the direct personal supervision of a licensed electrical sign installer; (4) One properly registered apprentice maintenance electrician working with and under the direct personal supervision of a valid Class C or Class D license holder; or (5) One properly registered apprentice lightning-protection installer working with and under the direct personal supervision of a licensed lightning-protection installer (LPI). Apprentices are required to register with the division of professional regulation immediately upon employment with a properly licensed electrical contractor or lightning-protection contractor.

(b) Indentured apprentice electricians are required to work a minimum of eight thousand (8,000) hours over a period of time of not less than four (4) years and successfully complete one
hundred forty-four (144) hours of related instruction per year in an indentured apprenticeship
program approved by the Rhode Island department of labor and training, to qualify for the
journeyperson "B" electrician examination; provided, however, apprentices may receive credit for
one hundred forty-four (144) hours of classroom training gained in a vocational school authorized
by the board of education, or two hundred eighty-eight (288) hours of classroom training gained
upon the successful completion of a course of study in a recognized trade school and approved
by the Rhode Island department of labor and training apprenticeship council. Provided, that the
test applicant has possessed, for at least four (4) years prior to the filing of the application, a
certificate of registration in full force and effect from the department of labor and training of
Rhode Island specifying the person as an indentured apprentice, and the application of an
applicant is accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits of his or her employer or former employers
or other reasonably satisfactory evidence showing that the applicant has been actually engaged in
electrical work as an apprentice in Rhode Island during those four (4) years; or the application is
accompanied by an affidavit or other reasonably satisfactory evidence showing that the applicant
has successfully completed a course of study in a recognized college or university and has
pursued a course of electrical technology for at least two (2) academic years or is the recipient of
an associate degree in electrical technology, and has thereafter been indentured by the department
of labor and training as an apprentice for at least two (2) years and employed as an
indentured apprentice by a duly licensed electrician master in this state for a period of two (2)
four (4) years; or a showing that the applicant possesses a certificate of license issued under the
laws of another state, based on training equal to that required by the state of Rhode Island.
Limited-registered apprentice electricians shall be required to work a minimum of four thousand
(4,000) hours over a period of time of not less than two (2) years.

(c) Indentured apprentice maintenance electricians are required to work a minimum of six
thousand (6,000) hours over a period of time of not less than three (3) years and successfully
complete one hundred forty-four (144) hours of related instruction per year in an indentured
apprenticeship program approved by the Rhode Island department of labor and training, to qualify
for the journeyperson "M" electrician examination. Provided, however, that the test applicant has
possessed for at least three (3) years prior to the filing of the application a certificate of
registration in full force and effect from the department of labor and training specifying the
person as an indentured apprentice, and the application of an applicant is accompanied by an
affidavit or affidavits of his or her employer or former employers or other reasonably satisfactory
evidence showing that the applicant has been actually engaged in electrical work as an apprentice
in Rhode Island during those three (3) years. Class M journeyperson electricians may qualify to
take the journeyperson "B" electrician examination upon registering as a fourth year apprentice
and becoming employed by a properly licensed Class A electrical contractor for that period of
time.

(d) Apprentice lightning-protection installers are required to work a minimum of four
thousand (4,000) hours over a period of time of not less than two (2) years to qualify for the
lightning-protection installer (LPI) examination. Provided, that the test applicant has possessed
for at least two (2) years prior to the filing of the application a certificate of registration in full
force and effect from the department of labor and training specifying the person as an apprentice
lightning-protection installer, and the application of an applicant is accompanied by an affidavit
or affidavits of his or her employer or former employers or other reasonably satisfactory evidence
showing that the applicant has been actually engaged in lightning-protection work as an
apprentice during those two (2) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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1 This act would allow electrician apprentices to qualify for the journeyperson "B"
2 electrical examination upon successful completion of two hundred eighty-eight (288) hours of
3 classroom training in a recognized trade school.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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