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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS--HOME
INSPECTIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Shekarchi, Cortvriend, and Noret

Date Introduced: February 02, 2022

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-6-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-6 entitled "Electricians" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-6-2. Work for which license required.**

4 (a)(1) No person, firm, or corporation shall enter into, engage in, solicit, advertise, bid for,
5 or work at the business of installing, maintaining, servicing, and testing wires, conduits, apparatus,
6 fixtures, electrical signs, lightning-protection equipment as defined in § 5-6-1, and other appliances
7 for carrying or using or generating electricity for light, heat, fire alarms, as defined in chapter 28.25
8 of title 23, entitled "Fire Alarm Systems," or power purposes, exclusive of low-voltage wiring for
9 heating/refrigeration equipment, or work at the business of removing and reattaching existing
10 electrical meters, unless that person, firm, or corporation shall have received a license and a
11 certificate for the business, issued by the state board of examiners of electricians of the division of
12 professional regulation of the department of labor and training in accordance with the provisions
13 set forth in this chapter.

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

18 (b) Any person, firm, or corporation that is required to apply for a permit from a local

1 building official for any work required to be performed by a person licensed under the provisions
2 of this chapter shall cause the work to be performed by a person licensed under the provisions of
3 this chapter; provided, that the provisions of this section, except the provision regarding removing
4 and reattaching existing electrical meters, shall not apply to owner-occupied, single-family homes.

5 [\(c\) Home inspectors, licensed pursuant to chapter 65.1 of title 5, shall be exempt from the](#)
6 [provisions of this section, except that home inspectors shall not engage in the installation, repair or](#)
7 [maintenance of any electrical component, unless licensed under this section.](#)

8 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall be given retroactive as well as prospective
9 effect and shall apply to all cases pending upon the effective date of this act and this act shall take
10 effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow home inspectors to inspect electrical systems and components as part
2 of an inspection and a written evaluation of a residential building. Home inspectors would not
3 engage in the installation, repair or maintenance of any electrical component, unless licensed to do
4 so.

5 The provisions of this act would be given retroactive as well as prospective effect and
6 would apply to all cases pending upon the effective date of this act. The act would take effect upon
7 passage.

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