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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

**A N A C T**

**RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS**

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: May 22, 2019

Referred To: Senate Labor

(The University of Rhode Island)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-6 of the General Laws entitled "Electricians" is hereby amended  
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-6-10.3. Limited premises certificate/license - Certificate PC.**

4 (a) A Certificate PC shall be issued to public institutions of higher education that  
5 regularly employ one or more Class B journeyman electricians when the work performed by  
6 those individuals is limited to the replacement, retrofit, upgrade, maintenance, repair and/or minor  
7 alteration of electrical wiring, branch circuit devices, appliances, and equipment on the premises  
8 owned or occupied by the applicant. The application must be made by a responsible officer of the  
9 firm and contain a description of the premises within which work is to be done under the permit.  
10 All work must meet electrical and municipal codes and must be permitted accordingly by the  
11 municipality or appropriate state authority.

12 (b) The scope and size of any work performed under a certified PC shall be limited to:

13 (1) For any project involving a single classroom or a single laboratory, work performed  
14 shall not exceed two thousand square feet (2,000 sq ft);

15 (2) For all other projects, work performed shall not exceed one thousand two hundred  
16 fifty square feet (1,250 sq ft);

17 (3) In no event may a project, within a single building or series of buildings, when the  
18 project spans multiple locations, be broken into smaller phases to satisfy the square foot  
19 limitations as set forth in this section;

1           (4) In no event shall any work be performed pursuant to a Certificate PC in any space  
2 under construction, which shall mean any room or space which has been demolished or gutted.

3           (c) For purposes of this section minor alterations shall include new installation of  
4 individual branch circuits within sight or within fifty feet (50');

5           (d) For purposes of this chapter, all work performed under a PC Certificate pursuant to  
6 the terms enumerated herein, shall not be deemed or considered an installation.

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create a limited premises certificate license for public institutions of  
2 higher education that regularly employ Class B journeyman electricians, which allows the  
3 public institution to hire workers to perform limited electrician like services under limited  
4 conditions.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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