

**CHAPTER 186****( SB 78 )**

AN ACT relating to electricians.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 227A.060 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The department shall issue a license as an "electrical contractor" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
  - (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) and the appropriate examination fee, which shall not exceed the actual cost of examination;
  - (b) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the examination required by the department. The department shall promulgate administrative regulations to specify who shall take the examination if the applicant is a business entity; and
  - (c) Has submitted proof that he or she has complied with workers' compensation and unemployment insurance laws and administrative regulations and has obtained a general liability insurance policy of not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
- (2) The department shall issue a license as a "master electrician" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
  - (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) and the appropriate examination fee not to exceed the actual cost of the examination;
  - (b) Has completed:
    1. a. Six (6) years of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since his or her sixteenth birthday; and
    - b. A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department, or an additional two (2) years of verifiable experience in the electrical trade; or
    2. a. Five (5) years of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since his or her sixteenth birthday; and
    - b. An associate's degree or diploma program in electrical technology at a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System after 1998; and
  - (c) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the examination required by the department.
- (3) The department shall issue a license as an "electrician" to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
  - (a) Has paid to the department the application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) and the appropriate examination fee not to exceed the actual cost of the examination ***administered by the department***;
  - (b) Has completed:
    1. ~~a. Four (4)~~ ***Two (2)*** years of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since his or her sixteenth birthday; and
    2. ~~a. b. A training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department; or~~
      - b. Two (2) years of a minimum four (4) year training course in electrical work, acceptable to the department, and shall complete the remaining years of that training course within four (4) years of obtaining the electrician license, or the electrician license shall be revoked; or***
      - ~~c. An additional two (2) years of verifiable experience in the electrical trade;~~
    2. ~~a. Three (3) years of verifiable experience in the electrical trade since his or her sixteenth birthday; and~~

- b. ~~An associate's degree or diploma program in electrical technology at a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System after 1998}; and~~
- (c) Has achieved a passing score, as set by the department, on all portions of the examination required *and administered* by the department.
- (4) (a) *The department shall issue a nonrenewable provisional license as an "electrician" to an applicant who:*
1. *Is a Kentucky resident; and*
  2. *Has completed at least six (6) years of verifiable experience and has worked two thousand eighty (2,080) hours a year for those six (6) years in the electrical trade since the applicant's sixteenth birthday.*
- (b) *A nonrenewable provisional license issued to an applicant under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be valid for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of issuance.*
- (c) *The department shall issue a license as an electrician to a provisional license holder who has, prior to the expiration of the one (1) year term of the provisional license:*
1. *Achieved a passing score on all portions of the examination required and administered by the department under subsection (3)(c) of this section;*
  2. *Paid to the department the application fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50); and*
  3. *Paid to the department the examination fee not to exceed the actual cost of the examination.*
- (d) *If a provisional license holder does not achieve a passing score on all portions of the examination required and administered under subsection (3)(c) of this section prior to the expiration of the one (1) year term of the provisional license, the provisional license shall expire and the provisional license holder shall be ineligible for any additional provisional licenses. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a former provisional license holder from acquiring an electrician's license under subsection (3) of this section.*

➔Section 2. This section shall apply to any person who became licensed between June 24, 2003, and July 15, 2004, through KRS 227A.080 prior to that statute's repeal on June 25, 2009, but whose license subsequently lapsed. That person may have his or her license reissued upon payment of a \$100 fee and retaking the regular examination required by the department for that license within one year of the fee payment. A license shall not be reissued under this section after July 31, 2020.

**Signed by Governor April 26, 2018.**