

AN ACT relating to electricians.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 227A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) As an alternative to any other examination methods the department may authorize for licensure as an electrician, the department shall offer an examination conducted at colleges within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System that satisfies the requirements of subsection (3)(c) of Section 2 of this Act. The examination shall be offered at least once every three (3) months at each location. Any applicant for an electrician's license who is otherwise qualified may take this examination.*
- (2) The department shall administer the examination and shall develop and update its content. The department shall not authorize an outside entity to develop, update, or administer the examination.*
- (3) The examination shall be preceded on the same day and at the same location by an electrical education class covering basic skills and knowledge relevant to the examination and to practice as a licensed electrician. The class shall last between two (2) and three (3) hours, and shall be taught by a licensed master electrician or another person with equivalent knowledge and experience as determined by the department. The class shall be mandatory for any person sitting for the subsequent examination, but a person may attend the class without sitting for the examination.*
- (4) The fee to attend the class shall be fifty dollars (\$50), and the fee to sit for the examination shall be fifty dollars (\$50).*
- (5) The department shall promulgate an administrative regulation establishing the content, administration, application process, and other procedural matters related to both the electrical education class and the examination.*

➔Section 2. 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;
 - (b) Has completed:
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 - a. Four (4) 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
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 - 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 by the department. *The examination established under Section 1 of this Act shall meet the examination requirement of this paragraph.*