

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 297**

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled
"Skilled trades regulation act,"
by amending sections 201, 701, 713, and 731 (MCL 339.5201,
339.5701, 339.5713, and 339.5731).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 201. (1) A person shall apply for a license under this
2 act on an application form provided by the department and must
3 include with the application the appropriate fees established by
4 rules promulgated by the department under section 207. Subject to
5 the exceptions described in section 203, the department shall issue
6 a license to a person that meets the licensure requirements set
7 forth in a specific article of this act and in rules promulgated
8 under this act.

9 (2) The department shall establish the expiration date of
10 licenses issued under this act by rule promulgated by the

1 department under section 207. However, the department shall not
2 issue, and the rules shall not permit, the issuance of a permanent
3 license.

4 (3) AT THE REQUEST OF A BUILDING OFFICIAL, INSPECTOR, OR
5 EMPLOYEE OF AN ENFORCING AGENCY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED
6 UNDER THIS ACT MUST PRESENT TO THAT BUILDING OFFICIAL, INSPECTOR,
7 OR EMPLOYEE PROOF OF LICENSURE AND A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO
8 IDENTIFICATION. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION:

9 (A) "BUILDING OFFICIAL" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION
10 1001.

11 (B) "INSPECTOR" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1003.

12 Sec. 701. As used in this article:

13 (a) "Apprentice electrician" means an individual other than an
14 electrical contractor, master electrician, or electrical
15 journeyman, who is engaged in learning about and assisting in the
16 installation or alteration of electrical wiring and equipment under
17 the direct personal supervision of an electrical journeyman or
18 master electrician.

19 (b) "Board" means the electrical administrative board
20 described in section 705.

21 (c) "Electrical contractor" means a person that is engaged in
22 the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing,
23 servicing, or maintaining electrical wiring. ~~, devices, appliances,~~
24 ~~or equipment.~~

25 (d) "Electrical journeyman" means an individual other than an
26 electrical contractor who, as his or her principal occupation, is
27 engaged in the practical installation or alteration of electrical

1 wiring. An electrical contractor or master electrician may also be
2 an electrical journeyman.

3 (e) "Electric sign" means fixed, stationary, or portable self-
4 contained, electrically illuminated equipment that has words or
5 symbols designed to convey information or attract attention.

6 Electric sign includes outline lighting. Electric sign does not
7 include those signs that are indoor or outdoor portable
8 applications or recognized holiday residential signs listed with a
9 recognized testing and approval agency and that use a cord cap-110
10 volt plug as the electrical energizing attachment method.

11 (f) "Electrical wiring" means all wiring, generating
12 equipment, fixtures, appliances, **DEVICES**, and appurtenances in
13 connection with the generation, distribution, and utilization of
14 electrical energy, in or on a building, residence, structure, or
15 properties, **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE ELECTRICAL WIRING IS**
16 **ENERGIZED AT THE TIME OF INSTALLATION**. The term includes service
17 entrance wiring as defined in the Michigan electrical code.

18 (g) "Fire alarm contractor" means a person that is engaged in
19 the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing,
20 servicing, or maintaining wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment
21 of a fire alarm system.

22 (h) "Fire alarm specialty apprentice technician" means an
23 individual other than a fire alarm contractor or a fire alarm
24 specialty technician who is engaged in learning about and assisting
25 in the installation or alteration of fire alarm system wiring and
26 equipment under the direct personal supervision of a fire alarm
27 specialty technician.

1 (i) "Fire alarm specialty licensure" means licensure as a fire
2 alarm contractor or a fire alarm specialty or apprentice
3 technician.

4 (j) "Fire alarm specialty technician" means an individual
5 other than a fire alarm contractor who, as his or her principal
6 occupation, is engaged in the design and practical installation or
7 alteration of fire alarm systems. An individual who is a fire alarm
8 contractor may also be a fire alarm specialty technician.

9 (k) "Fire alarm system" means a system that is designed to
10 detect and annunciate the presence of fire, or by-products of fire,
11 installed in a building or structure. Fire alarm system does not
12 include a single station smoke detector.

13 Sec. 713. (1) The department shall issue a master
14 electrician's license to an individual who is at least 22 years
15 old, meets the requirements described in article 2, and meets
16 ~~either~~ **ALL** of the following:

17 (a) Has at least 12,000 hours of experience that was obtained
18 over a period of 6 years or more, is related to electrical
19 construction, the maintenance of buildings, or electrical wiring or
20 equipment, and was performed under the supervision of a master
21 electrician.

22 (b) Has held an electrical journeyman's license for at least 2
23 years.

24 (2) If he or she fails to pass the master electrician
25 examination 2 times within a period of 2 years, an applicant is
26 ineligible to sit for another examination for at least 1 year from
27 the date of failure of the second examination. After that 1-year

1 period, he or she is again eligible to sit for a master electrician
2 examination if he or she presents to the board proof of the
3 successful completion of a course on Michigan electrical code,
4 electrical fundamentals, or electrical theory approved by the
5 board.

6 (3) A holder of a master electrician's license cannot be used
7 to meet the eligibility requirement described in section 711(a) or
8 (b) for more than 1 electrical contractor's license.

9 (4) As a condition of renewal of a master electrician's
10 license, the master electrician must demonstrate the successful
11 completion of a course, approved by the board, concerning any
12 update or change in the state construction code within 12 months
13 after the update or change in that code. This requirement applies
14 only during or after those years that the state construction code
15 is updated or changed.

16 Sec. 731. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 737, a
17 ~~person shall not~~ **ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED UNDER THIS**
18 **ARTICLE SHALL** install any electrical wiring, ~~, devices, appliances,~~
19 ~~or appurtenances for the generation, distribution, and utilization~~
20 ~~of electrical energy, in or on any building, structure, or~~
21 ~~property, without a license.~~ In a municipality where inspection
22 service is provided, a person shall obtain a permit from the board
23 or municipality that has jurisdiction.

24 (2) If electrical wiring ~~, devices, appliances, or~~
25 ~~appurtenances described in subsection (1) are~~ **IS** installed without
26 compensation by a person that is licensed under this article for or
27 on behalf of a charitable organization, the owner of the property

1 on which the work is performed may obtain the permit required under
2 subsection (1). However, the charitable organization exception
3 under this subsection applies only to the reconstruction,
4 renovation, or remodeling of 1- to 4-family dwellings.

5 (3) Except as otherwise provided in section 737, a person
6 shall not erect, install, alter, repair, service, or maintain fire
7 alarm system wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment in a
8 building or structure without a license.

9 (4) Except as otherwise provided in section 737, a person
10 shall not install, connect, repair, or maintain electric signs and
11 related wiring without a license.

12 (5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article and
13 after a proper application is submitted and the appropriate fees
14 paid, the board and department shall issue a license without
15 examination to an individual seeking sign specialty licensure if he
16 or she is licensed, registered, or otherwise regulated in another
17 state and the board determines that the standards in the other
18 state meet or exceed the standards imposed in this article.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
20 after the date it is enacted into law.