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**LICENSED ELECTRICAL WORK**

**House Bill 5130**

**Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Jr.**

**Committee: State Affairs**

**Complete to 9-20-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5130 AS INTRODUCED 9-17-91**

The Electrical Administrative Act (Public Act 217 of 1956) requires that electrical contractors be licensed (either by the state or by the local municipality) and prohibits, with certain exceptions, people from doing any electrical wiring unless they are electrical journeymen working for a licensed electrical contractor. The exceptions to the prohibition against anyone other than electric journeymen from doing electrical wiring include:

- \* private homeowners who install, alter, or repair electrical equipment in their own homes;
- \* minor repair work as defined in the act;
- \* work done on elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, or man lifts under a permit issued by a state elevator inspection agency;
- \* certain kinds of work done on equipment and wiring belonging to electric light and power or telephone and telegraph systems; and
- \* certain kinds of work done on motion picture and theatrical equipment in buildings with approved facilities for entertainment or educational use (basically, so long as it doesn't involve any permanent wiring).

The bill would add an exemption for certain kinds of work on existing mechanical systems defined in the mechanical and plumbing codes of the state Construction Code Act (Public Act 230 of 1972) done by licensed plumbing contractors and by certain classes of mechanical contractors (and their employees) licensed under the Forbes Mechanical Contractor Act (Public Act 192 of 1984).

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