

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4844**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 217, entitled  
"Electrical administrative act,"  
by amending sections 1 and 3 (MCL 338.881 and 338.883), section 1  
as amended by 1992 PA 130 and section 3 as amended by 2004 PA  
275.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1. (1) For purposes of this act, the words defined in  
2 this section, section 1a, and section 1b have the meanings  
3 ascribed to them in those sections.

4       (2) "Electrical wiring" means all wiring, generating  
5 equipment, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in connection  
6 with the generation, distribution, and utilization of electrical  
7 energy, within or on a building, residence, structure, or  
8 properties, and including service entrance wiring as defined by

1 the code.

2 (3) "Electrical contractor" means a person, firm, or  
3 corporation engaged in the business of erecting, installing,  
4 altering, repairing, servicing, or maintaining electrical wiring,  
5 devices, appliances, or equipment.

6 (4) "Master electrician" means a person having the necessary  
7 qualifications, training, experience, and technical knowledge to  
8 supervise the installation of electrical wiring and equipment in  
9 accordance with the standard rules and regulations governing that  
10 work.

11 (5) "Electrical journeyman" means a person other than an  
12 electrical contractor who, as his or her principal occupation, is  
13 engaged in the practical installation or alteration of electric  
14 wiring. An electrical contractor or master electrician may also  
15 be an electrical journeyman.

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

22 (7) "Jobsite" means the immediate work area within the  
23 property lines of a single construction project, alteration  
24 project, or maintenance project where electrical construction or  
25 alteration of electrical wiring is in progress.

26 (8) "Municipality" means a city, village, or township.

27 (9) "Minor repair work" means electrical wiring not in

1 excess of a valuation of \$100.00.

2 (10) ~~"State construction code act of 1972" means Act No. 230~~  
 3 ~~of the Public Acts of 1972, being sections 125.1501 to 125.1531~~  
 4 ~~of the Michigan Compiled Laws. "STILLE-DEROSSETT-HALE SINGLE~~  
 5 **STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT" MEANS 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 TO**  
 6 **125.1531.**

7 (11) "Code" means the state construction code provided for  
 8 in section 4 of the **STILLE-DEROSSETT-HALE SINGLE** state  
 9 construction code act, ~~of 1972,~~ or a part of that code which is  
 10 of limited application, and includes a modification of or  
 11 amendment to the code, or a nationally recognized model  
 12 electrical code adopted by a governmental subdivision pursuant to  
 13 section ~~8-8A~~ of that act.

14 (12) "Enforcing agency" means the enforcing agency  
 15 responsible for the administration and enforcement of the  
 16 electrical code pursuant to section ~~8 or 9-8A~~ of the **STILLE-**  
 17 **DEROSSETT-HALE SINGLE** state construction code act. ~~of 1972.~~

18 (13) "Board" means the electrical administrative board  
 19 created pursuant to section 2.

20 Sec. 3. (1) The department **OF ENERGY, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC**  
 21 **GROWTH** shall grant licenses and certificates to qualified  
 22 applicants, issue orders and promulgate rules necessary for the  
 23 enforcement and administration of this act, and enforce and  
 24 administer this act. The rules shall be promulgated pursuant to  
 25 the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL  
 26 24.201 to 24.328.

27 (2) The examination fee for licensure of the following is

1 \$25.00 IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND \$100.00 IF PAID ON OR  
2 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- 3 (a) Master electrician.  
4 (b) Electrical contractor.  
5 (c) Electrical journeyman.  
6 (d) Fire alarm contractor.  
7 (e) Fire alarm specialty technician.  
8 (f) Sign specialty contractor.  
9 (g) Sign specialist.

10 (3) The fee for initial licensure, apprentice electrician  
11 registration, or renewal of a license relating to electricians is  
12 as follows:

13 (A) IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

14	(i) <del>(a)</del>	Master electrician.....	\$ 25.00
15	(ii) <del>(b)</del>	Electrical journeyman.....	20.00
16	(iii) <del>(c)</del>	Apprentice electrician.....	5.00

17 (B) IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

18	(i)	MASTER ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 50.00
19	(ii)	ELECTRICAL JOURNEYMAN.....	40.00
20	(iii)	APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN.....	15.00

21 (4) The fee for initial fire alarm specialty technician  
22 licensure, fire alarm specialty apprentice technician  
23 registration, or renewal of a license or registration is as

1 follows:

2 (A) IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- 3 (i) ~~(a)~~ Fire alarm specialty technician..\$ 25.00
- 4 (ii) ~~(b)~~ Fire alarm specialty apprentice
- 5 technician..... 5.00

6 (B) IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

- 7 (i) FIRE ALARM SPECIALTY TECHNICIAN..\$ 50.00
- 8 (ii) FIRE ALARM SPECIALTY APPRENTICE
- 9 TECHNICIAN..... 15.00

10 (5) The fee for initial sign specialist licensure or renewal  
 11 of a sign specialist license is \$20.00 IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER  
 12 30, 2012 AND \$40.00 IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

13 (6) An apprentice electrician or specialty apprentice  
 14 technician registration expires on August 31 of each year and is  
 15 renewable within 30 days after that date upon payment of a  
 16 RENEWAL FEE OF \$10.00 IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND A  
 17 \$15.00 renewal fee IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012. An  
 18 applicant shall submit proof of a sponsoring employer for initial  
 19 or renewal registration.

20 (7) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (8), a  
 21 license issued under this act expires on December 31 of each year  
 22 and is renewable not more than 60 days after that date upon  
 23 application and payment of the appropriate fee. After March 1 of  
 24 each year or after March 1 of the renewal year in the case of  
 25 electrical contractors, fire alarm contractors, and sign

1 specialty contractors, a license not renewed is void and may be  
2 reinstated only upon application for reinstatement and payment of  
3 the appropriate license fee for the appropriate class.

4 (8) The license for an electrical contractor, fire alarm  
5 contractor, and sign specialty contractor expires December 31 of  
6 every third year. The license for an electrical contractor, fire  
7 alarm contractor, and sign specialty contractor is renewable not  
8 later than on March 1 every third year upon application and  
9 payment of \$200.00 **IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND \$300.00**  
10 **IF PAID ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2012** by electrical contractors  
11 and fire alarm contractors and application and payment of \$120.00  
12 **IF PAID AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND \$200.00 IF PAID ON OR BEFORE**  
13 **SEPTEMBER 30, 2012** by sign specialty contractors. In the case of  
14 a person applying for an initial or reinstatement contractor's  
15 license at a time other than between December 31 and March 1 of  
16 the year in which the department issues renewal licenses, the  
17 department shall compute and charge the 3-year license fee  
18 described in this subsection on a yearly pro rata basis beginning  
19 in the year of the application until the last year of the 3-year  
20 license cycle.

21 (9) Beginning ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that~~  
22 ~~added this subsection~~ **JULY 23, 2004**, the department of **ENERGY,**  
23 labor, and economic growth shall issue an initial or renewal  
24 license for electrical contractors, fire alarm contractors, and  
25 sign specialty contractors not later than 90 days after the  
26 applicant files a completed application. Receipt of the  
27 application is considered the date the application is received by

1 any agency or department of the state of Michigan. If the  
2 application is considered incomplete by the department of **ENERGY,**  
3 labor, and economic growth, the department of **ENERGY,** labor, and  
4 economic growth shall notify the applicant in writing, or make  
5 the information electronically available, within 30 days after  
6 receipt of the incomplete application, describing the deficiency  
7 and requesting the additional information. The 90-day period is  
8 tolled upon notification by the department of **ENERGY,** labor, and  
9 economic growth of a deficiency until the date the requested  
10 information is received by the department of **ENERGY,** labor, and  
11 economic growth. The determination of the completeness of an  
12 application does not operate as an approval of the application  
13 for the license and does not confer eligibility of an applicant  
14 determined otherwise ineligible for issuance of a license.

15 (10) If the department of **ENERGY,** labor, and economic growth  
16 fails to issue or deny a license within the time required by this  
17 section, the department of **ENERGY,** labor, and economic growth  
18 shall return the license fee and shall reduce the license fee for  
19 the applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15%. The  
20 failure to issue a license within the time required under this  
21 section does not allow the department **OF ENERGY, LABOR, AND**  
22 **ECONOMIC GROWTH** to otherwise delay the processing of the  
23 application, and that application, upon completion, shall be  
24 placed in sequence with other completed applications received at  
25 that same time. The department **OF ENERGY, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC**  
26 **GROWTH** shall not discriminate against an applicant in the  
27 processing of the application based upon the fact that the

1 license fee was refunded or discounted under this subsection.

2 (11) Beginning October 1, 2005, the director of the  
3 department of **ENERGY**, labor, and economic growth shall submit a  
4 report by December 1 of each year to the standing committees and  
5 appropriations subcommittees of the senate and house of  
6 representatives concerned with occupational issues. The director  
7 shall include all of the following information in the report  
8 concerning the preceding fiscal year:

9 (a) The number of initial and renewal applications the  
10 department received and completed within the 90-day time period  
11 described in subsection (9).

12 (b) The number of applications denied.

13 (c) The number of applicants not issued a license within the  
14 90-day time period and the amount of money returned to licensees  
15 under subsection (10).

16 (12) The board shall provide for an examination to be given  
17 to an applicant seeking licensure under this act for a specific  
18 class of license. The board and department of **ENERGY**, labor, and  
19 economic growth, acting jointly, may develop an examination or  
20 contract for the use of an examination developed by another  
21 governmental subdivision or any other entity including, but not  
22 limited to, the national assessment institute, which the  
23 department of **ENERGY**, labor, and economic growth and the board,  
24 acting jointly, review and determine is designed to test the  
25 qualifications and competency of applicants seeking licensure  
26 under this act.

27 (13) The examination for electrical journeymen and master

1 electricians shall include, but not be limited to, questions  
2 designed to test an individual's knowledge of this act, any rules  
3 promulgated under this act, the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single  
4 state construction code act, and any code adopted pursuant to  
5 section 4 of that act and any code adopted pursuant to section ~~8~~  
6 **8A** of that act as well as the theory relative to those codes. In  
7 the case of the examination for an electrical contractor's  
8 license, the examination shall include, but not be limited to,  
9 questions designed to test an individual's knowledge of this act,  
10 any rules promulgated under this act, the Stille-DeRossett-Hale  
11 single state construction code act, and the administration and  
12 enforcement procedures of any code adopted pursuant to section ~~8~~  
13 ~~er 9-8A~~ of that act.

14 (14) The board shall provide for an examination to be given  
15 to an applicant seeking fire alarm specialty licensure under this  
16 act. The examinations for fire alarm specialty licensure shall  
17 include questions designed to test an individual's knowledge of  
18 this act, any rules promulgated under this act, and the Stille-  
19 DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, as relating to  
20 fire alarm systems. The board and department of **ENERGY**, labor,  
21 and economic growth, acting jointly, may require, as a condition  
22 for licensure, certification of the applicant in the field of  
23 fire alarm systems technology by the national institution for  
24 certification in engineering technology or equivalent as  
25 determined by the board.

26 (15) The board shall provide for an examination to be given  
27 to an applicant seeking sign specialty licensure under this act.

1 The examinations for sign specialty licensure shall include, but  
2 not be limited to, questions designed to test an individual's  
3 knowledge of this act and any rules promulgated under this act  
4 relating to electric signs and applicable sections of the code.

5 (16) Examinations shall be offered at locations throughout  
6 the state as determined by the board. The department of **ENERGY**,  
7 labor, and economic growth in consultation with the board may  
8 designate a person to give the examination at any location.  
9 Copies of examinations developed by a governmental subdivision  
10 shall be presented for board approval and shall remain the  
11 property of the governmental subdivision and shall be returned to  
12 that governmental subdivision without having been copied or  
13 reproduced in any manner.

14 (17) The department of **ENERGY**, labor, and economic growth  
15 shall annually submit to the members of the legislature a  
16 comprehensive report detailing the expenditure of the additional  
17 money resulting from the 1989 amendatory act that increased the  
18 fees contained in this section.

19 (18) As used in this section, "completed application" means  
20 an application complete on its face and submitted with any  
21 applicable licensing fees as well as any other information,  
22 records, approval, security, or similar item required by law or  
23 rule from a local unit of government, a federal agency, or a  
24 private entity but not from another department or agency of the  
25 state of Michigan.