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Senate Bill 142 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Jansen
Committee: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Electrical Administrative Act to do all of the following:

- Allow the Electrical Administrative Board and the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (DELEG) to issue a license, without an exam, to an electrician licensed in another state with equivalent licensing standards.
- Require DELEG to issue a license, without an exam, to an electrician licensed in another state pursuant to a reciprocal agreement executed by DELEG and another state's regulatory agency.
- Require DELEG and the Board to inquire with any existing coalitions of state regulatory agencies or any private entities regarding interstate reciprocity agreements or standards.
- Allow DELEG to enter into a reciprocal agreement meeting standards specified in the bill.
- Require DELEG to post information regarding reciprocity on its website and facilitate communication on that site for Michigan licensees making out-of-State inquiries.
- Delete a requirement that the Board and DELEG issue a sign specialty license, without an exam, to a licensee in another state that meets or exceeds Michigan's standards.

MCL 338.885 et al.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would increase the administrative cost of the Bureau of Construction Codes within the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth by an unknown amount. The requirements in the bill include contacting any existing coalition of State regulatory agencies or private entities regarding the development of reciprocity agreements for licensees under the Electrical Administrative Act and posting reciprocity information on the website. Revenue to the Construction Code Fund would be reduced to the extent that applicants were able to achieve licensure under reciprocity agreements, avoiding examination fees. The Bureau of Construction Codes is supported by restricted revenue, primarily license and examination fees paid by members of regulated occupations into the Construction Code Fund.

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