

# SENATE BILL No. 297

March 30, 2017, Introduced by Senators HORN, JONES, CASPERSON, ZORN and NOFS  
and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled  
"Skilled trades regulation act,"  
by amending sections 201, 701, and 731 (MCL 339.5201, 339.5701, 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. 731. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 737, a  
14 ~~person shall not~~ **ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED UNDER THIS**  
15 **ARTICLE SHALL** install ~~any electrical wiring. , devices, appliances,~~  
16 ~~or appurtenances for the generation, distribution, and utilization~~  
17 ~~of electrical energy, in or on any building, structure, or~~  
18 ~~property, without a license.~~ In a municipality where inspection  
19 service is provided, a person shall obtain a permit from the board  
20 or municipality that has jurisdiction.

21 (2) If electrical wiring ~~, devices, appliances, or~~  
22 ~~appurtenances described in subsection (1) are~~ **IS** installed without  
23 compensation by a person that is licensed under this article for or  
24 on behalf of a charitable organization, the owner of the property  
25 on which the work is performed may obtain the permit required under  
26 subsection (1). However, the charitable organization exception  
27 under this subsection applies only to the reconstruction,

1 renovation, or remodeling of 1- to 4-family dwellings.

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

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

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

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