

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to pertain in any manner to the practice of any regularly qualified oculist or physician, who is regularly licensed to practice medicine in the state of Washington, or to any person who is regularly licensed to practice as a dispensing optician in the state of Washington, nor to any person who in the regular course of trade, sells or offers for sale, spectacles or eyeglasses as regular merchandise without pretense of adapting them to the eyes of the purchaser, and not in evasion of this chapter: **PROVIDED**, That any such regularly qualified oculist or physician or other person shall be subject to the provisions of subdivisions (10) through (15) of RCW 18.53.140, in connection with the performance of any function coming within the definition of the practice of optometry as defined in this chapter: **PROVIDED FURTHER, HOWEVER**, That in no way shall this section be construed to permit a dispensing optician to practice optometry as defined in this 1975 amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. Section 6, chapter 144, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18-.53.090 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. If any provision of this 1975 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 70

[House Bill No. 338]

ELECTRICIANS—CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

AN ACT Relating to apprentice electricians; amending section 1, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37.010; amending section 2, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37.020; amending section 4, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37.040; and repealing section 12, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37.110.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37-.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as hereinafter used in this chapter shall have the following meaning:

- (1) "Advisory board" means the state advisory board of electricians;
- (2) (~~"Apprentice electrician" means any person engaged in learning the trade of electrical and who, under the supervision of a journeyman electrician, performs the actual work necessary to assemble, construct, install, repair, or modify electrical installations;~~)
- (3) "Department" means the department of labor and industries;
- (~~(4)~~)(3) "Director" means director of department of labor and industries;

~~((5))~~(4) "Journeyman electrician" means any person who has been issued a certificate of competency by the department of labor and industries as provided in this chapter for the installation of electrical equipment for light, heat, or power.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37.020 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) No person shall engage in the business or trade as a journeyman electrician without having a current certificate of competency issued by the department in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

~~(2) ((No person shall engage in the business or trade as an electrical apprentice without having a current apprentice permit issued by the department in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.~~

~~(3))~~ The business or trade of electrician, as herein used, shall encompass all acts involving installation or maintenance of the distribution of electricity, except as is hereinafter specifically excluded.

Sec. 3. Section 4, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt of the application and evidence set forth in RCW 18.37.030, the director shall review the same and make a determination as to whether the applicant is eligible to take an examination for the certificate of competency. To be eligible to take the examination the applicant must have worked ~~((as an apprentice electrician, as defined in RCW 18.37.010, for four years))~~ under the supervision of a journeyman electrician certified under this law, or have satisfactorily attended for ((up to) a ((maximum)) minimum of two years and successfully completed an accredited vocational or technical school program related to the electrical trade, or shall furnish written evidence that he has had at least four years practical experience in the wiring for the installation of electrical equipment of light, heat, and power. No other requirement for eligibility may be imposed. The director shall establish reasonable rules and regulations for the examinations to be given applicants for certificates of competency. In establishing said rules, regulations, and criteria, the director shall consult with the state advisory board of electricians as established in RCW 18.37.100. Upon determination that the applicant is eligible to take the examination, the director shall so notify him, indicating the time and place for taking the same.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 11, chapter 206, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 18.37.110 are each hereby repealed.

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