

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Reduces the required apprenticeship time for a limited journeyman sign electrician or limited journeyman stage electrician license applicant from four years to two years and a Class A limited energy technician license applicant from four years to three years. Clarifies that a limited maintenance electrician's licensee is authorized to maintain, repair, and replace electrical installations on systems that are less than 600 volts phase-to-phase. Removes certain electrician licenses from the types of licenses issued by the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Establishes that licenses removed from statute that are in effect on the effective date of the measure will expire at the end of the license term and cannot be renewed.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Adequacy of training under the reduced apprenticeship requirement
- Continuation of ability for licensed maintenance electricians to continue their current work at industrial sites

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes voltage restriction on maintenance electrician's license working at industrial plants.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2473-B maintains adequate training time and helps to address a shortage of limited journeyman sign electricians, limited journeyman stage electricians, and Class A limited energy technicians by reducing the apprenticeship time required before submitting a license application.

The measure also deletes Class I and Class II oil module electrician licenses, the limited journeyman railroad electrician license, and the limited journeyman industrial electrician license from statute, as they are obsolete and the types of electrical work performed by these licensees are being performed by other types of licensed electricians.