

House Bill 2477

Sponsored by Representative SCHAUFLER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Corrects terminology regarding authorization issued to supervising electricians.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to supervising electricians; amending ORS 479.810.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 479.810 is amended to read:

479.810. (1) The Electrical and Elevator Board shall administer and enforce ORS 479.510 to 479.945 and 479.995. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall appoint an adequate staff of competent persons experienced and trained to serve as electrical inspectors. The board shall assist the director in reviewing determinations made by the staff involving electrical installations or products and to assist in formulating rules under ORS 479.730.

(2) The director, in consultation with the board, shall appoint a representative of the department's staff of electrical inspectors who shall serve ex officio as secretary of the board. This person shall be known as the Chief Electrical Inspector.

(3) The director shall certify a person as an electrical inspector if:

(a) The person:

(A) Completes a general journeyman electrical apprenticeship program in Oregon;

(B) Has two years' experience as a licensed electrician in Oregon; and

(C) Passes the examination required for [*certification*] **licensing** as a supervising electrician; or

(b) For a person with experience outside the State of Oregon, the person:

(A)(i) Has five years' experience in commercial or industrial electrical inspection; and

(ii) Passes the examination required for [*certification*] **licensing** as a general supervising electrician; or

(B) Has six years of out-of-state experience as an electrician and passes the examination required for [*certification*] **licensing** as a general supervising electrician.

(4) The board may, by rule, allow certification of persons as electrical inspectors with experience or training that does not meet the requirements specified in subsection (3) of this section.

(5) Rules adopted under this section shall provide for the recognition of equivalent experience acquired by a person outside the State of Oregon.

(6) An examination taken for purposes of applying for certification as an electrical inspector under this section shall not be valid for use in an application to become licensed as a supervising electrician.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.