

House Bill 2544

Sponsored by Representative HACK (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Allows issuance of electrical permit to electrical contractor contracting for services of general supervising electrician. Allows for part-time employment of general supervising electrician by electrical contractor. Allows general supervising electrician to provide services under contract to electrical contractor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to general supervising electricians; amending ORS 479.560 and 479.860.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 479.560 is amended to read:

5 479.560. (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services or a designated agent shall is-
6 sue a permit to:

7 (a) Any applicant who has complied with ORS 479.510 to 479.945 and the rules issued there-
8 under, covering an electrical installation to be made on residential or farm property owned by the
9 applicant or a member of the applicant's immediate family as allowed under ORS 479.540 (1).

10 (b) A licensed electrical contractor or an agent the contractor has designated to the department
11 or the department's designated agent in a record signed by the electrical contractor. The depart-
12 ment or department's designated agent shall only issue a permit under this subsection if the appli-
13 cation for the permit is accompanied by a signed statement that the electrical [*contractor's*]
14 **contractor employs on a full-time or part-time basis, or contracts for the services of, a li-**
15 **icensed** general supervising electrician [*of record*] **who** will sign the permit before an inspection of
16 the electrical work is requested. A contractor or the [*contractor's*] general supervisor will promptly
17 request an inspection of electrical work performed under a permit issued under this subsection. A
18 permit issued under this subsection shall state the name of the electrical contractor.

19 (2) A permit issued to an electrical contractor upon the request of [*the contractor's*] **a** supervis-
20 ing electrician is void [*upon the end of the employment of such*] **if the employment or contract for**
21 **services of the** supervising electrician **terminates** before completion of the electrical installation.

22 (3) Except for the installation or alteration of an electrical service, the owner, operating man-
23 ager or electrical contractor of an industrial plant who meets the provisions of ORS 479.630 (1) and
24 (2), a commercial office building, a building that is owned, leased, managed or operated by the state
25 or a local government entity or other facilities designated by the Electrical and Elevator Board, in
26 lieu of the required inspection permit, may apply to the department or municipality providing in-
27 spection service for a master electrical inspection permit. Under the permit the authority having
28 jurisdiction shall cause a periodic inspection to be made of the electrical installations. The authority
29 may also cause a cover inspection, which shall be made before electrical installations are covered.
30 The periodic inspection under the permit shall be done at least once a year or more frequently based

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1 on the needs of the particular plant, building or facility. The department shall adopt rules in ac-
2 cordance with ORS chapter 183 for:

3 (a) The annual issuance of the master electrical inspection permit;

4 (b) The conduct of the inspections on the electrical installations and electrical products;

5 (c) The granting of a waiver of payment of permit fees other than for the master electrical in-
6 spection permit; and

7 (d) The fixing and collecting of inspection fees at the cost of making the inspection according
8 to the time required of the inspector.

9 **SECTION 2.** ORS 479.860 is amended to read:

10 479.860. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is the holder of a super-
11 vising electrician's license:

12 (a) Who is employed [*by*] **on a full-time or part-time basis by, or contracts to perform**
13 **services for**, the holder of an electrical contractor's license may design, plan and lay out electrical
14 installations for customers of the electrical contractor without obtaining any other license, permit
15 or certificate; or

16 (b) Who is employed by an industrial plant may design, plan and lay out electrical installations
17 for that industrial plant.

18 (2) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, after consultation with
19 the Electrical and Elevator Board and the State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land
20 Surveying, may adopt rules designating classes of board licensees that may design, plan and lay out
21 noncomplex electrical installations. Licensees are not subject to any requirement for an additional
22 license, permit, certificate or registration when engaging in the design, planning or laying out of
23 electrical installations as authorized by a rule adopted under this subsection.

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