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SENATE BILL        ***220-FN***

AN ACT            relative to the regulation of electricians by the electricians' board.

SPONSORS:        Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20

COMMITTEE:       Executive Departments and Administration

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies apprenticeship requirements for licensure and the homeowner's exception from licensure, and updates the reference to the National Electrical Code.

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Explanation:       Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT relative to the regulation of electricians by the electricians' board.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 314:1 Fees. Amend RSA 319-C:6-b to read as follows:

2 319-C:6-b Fees. The board shall establish application fees for examination of applicants, fees for  
3 licensure, for renewal, and for late renewal of licenses to practice under this chapter, and for  
4 transcribing and transferring records and other services. The fee for examination shall not include  
5 fees charged by and paid to an examination entity approved by the board. The fees established by  
6 the board shall be sufficient to produce estimated revenues equal to 125 percent of the direct  
7 operating expenses of the board [~~for the previous fiscal year~~] **budgeted for the biennium in which**  
8 **they will apply**. Fees collected shall be deposited in the general fund as unrestricted revenue.

9 314:2 Licensing Requirements; Apprentice Service. Amend RSA 319-C:7, II(a) to read as  
10 follows:

11 (a) [~~Between 2 and 4 years~~] **Completion of 8,000 hours of** service as an apprentice  
12 electrician. The board may give credit toward such service for the satisfactory completion of a course  
13 of instruction in the field at a school recognized by the board; and

14 314:3 Violations; Homeowner's Exception. Amend RSA 319-C:15 to read as follows:

15 319-C:15 Violations; Penalty; **Homeowner's Exception**.

16 I. A person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, if a natural person, or a felony if any another  
17 person, who:

18 (a) Makes electrical installations without being licensed under this chapter, **except as**  
19 **provided in paragraph II**;

20 (b) Being in the electrical business, employs an unlicensed person, other than an  
21 apprentice, to make electrical installations, unless the person or installation is exempted under this  
22 chapter;

23 (c) Wrongfully or fraudulently procures a license under this chapter;

24 (d) Violates any provision of this chapter or rule adopted by the board; or

25 (e) Wrongfully or fraudulently represents himself **or herself** as a person licensed under  
26 this chapter.

27 II. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a homeowner from making electrical installations  
28 in or about a single family residence owned and occupied by him or her or to be occupied by him or  
29 her as his or her bona fide personal abode.

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1           314:4 Definition; New Hampshire Building Code; NEC. Amend RSA 155-A:1, IV to read as  
2 follows:

3           IV. “New Hampshire building code” or “state building code” means the adoption by reference  
4 of the International Building Code 2009, the International Existing Building Code 2009, the  
5 International Plumbing Code 2009, the International Mechanical Code 2009, the International  
6 Energy Conservation Code 2009, and the International Residential Code 2009, as published by the  
7 International Code Council, and the National [~~Electric~~] **Electrical** Code [~~2011~~] **2014**, as amended by  
8 the state building code review board and ratified by the legislature in accordance with RSA 155-A:10.  
9 The provisions of any other national code or model code referred to within a code listed in this  
10 definition shall not be included in the state building code unless specifically included in the codes  
11 listed in this definition.

12           314:5 Effective Date.

13           I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

14           II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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16 Approved: August 1, 2014

17 Effective Date: I. Section 4 shall take effect January 1, 2015.

18           II. Remainder shall take effect August 1, 2014.

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