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By Senator Warnick

1 AN ACT Relating to issuing temporary permits in lieu of
2 certificates of competency to electricians from other states; and
3 amending RCW 19.28.231.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.231 and 2013 c 23 s 35 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department (~~(is authorized to)~~) must grant and issue
8 temporary permits in lieu of certificates of competency whenever an
9 electrician coming into the state of Washington from another state
10 requests the department for a temporary permit to engage in the
11 electrical construction trade as an electrician during the period of
12 time between filing of an application for a certificate as provided
13 in RCW 19.28.181 and the date the results of taking the examination
14 provided for in RCW 19.28.201 are furnished to the applicant if the
15 applicant:

16 (a) Holds a journey level or specialty electrician certificate
17 that is active and in good standing that allows the individual to
18 work as a journey level or specialty electrician in the licensing
19 state; and

1 (b) Has acquired the journey level or specialty electrician
2 certificate from the other state through a state-administered
3 examination with a passing score from the licensing state.

4 (2) The temporary permit may include a photograph of the holder.

5 (3) The department is authorized to enter into reciprocal
6 agreements with other states providing for the acceptance of such
7 states' journey level and specialty electrician certificate of
8 competency or its equivalent when such states' requirements are equal
9 to the standards set by this chapter. No temporary permit shall be
10 issued to:

11 ~~((1))~~ (a) Any person who has failed to pass the examination for
12 a certificate of competency, except that any person who has failed
13 the examination for competency under this section shall be entitled
14 to continue to work under a temporary permit for ninety days if the
15 person is enrolled in a journey level electrician refresher course
16 and shows evidence to the department that he or she has not missed
17 any classes. The person, after completing the journey level
18 electrician refresher course, shall be eligible to retake the
19 examination for competency at the next scheduled time.

20 ~~((2))~~ (b) Any applicant under this section who has not
21 furnished the department with such evidence required under RCW
22 19.28.181.

23 ~~((3))~~ (c) Any apprentice electrician.

24 (4) Permits issued under subsection (1) of this section are valid
25 for one hundred twenty days and may be renewed up to three times.

26 (5) The department may not:

27 (a) Require contractors that hire temporary permit holders to
28 hire a certain number of in-state electricians; or

29 (b) Add additional education, apprenticeship, or experience
30 requirements beyond the requirements set forth in subsections (1) and

31 (3) of this section.

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