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SYNOPSIS

Exempts certain low-voltage installations from electrical contractor licensing requirements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

1 AN ACT concerning an exemption from electrical contractor
2 licensing requirements in connection with built-in vacuum
3 systems and amending P.L.1962, c.162.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 18 of P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-18) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 18. Electrical work or construction which is performed on the
11 following facilities or which is by or for the following agencies
12 shall not be included within the business of electrical contracting so
13 as to require the securing of a business permit under this act:

14 (a) Minor repair work such as the replacement of lamps and
15 fuses.

16 (b) The connection of portable electrical appliances to suitable
17 permanently installed receptacles.

18 (c) The testing, servicing or repairing of electrical equipment or
19 apparatus.

20 (d) Electrical work in mines, on ships, railway cars, elevators,
21 escalators or automotive equipment.

22 (e) Municipal plants or any public utility as defined in R.S.48:2-
23 13, organized for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and
24 operating works for the generation, supplying, transmission and
25 distribution of electricity for electric light, heat, or power.

26 (f) A public utility subject to regulation, supervision or control
27 by a federal regulatory body, or a public utility operating under the
28 authority granted by the State of New Jersey, and engaged in the
29 furnishing of communication or signal service, or both, to a public
30 utility, or to the public, as an integral part of a communication or
31 signal system, and any agency associated or affiliated with any
32 public utility and engaged in research and development in the
33 communications field.

34 (g) A railway utility in the exercise of its functions as a utility
35 and located in or on buildings or premises used exclusively by such
36 an agency.

37 (h) Commercial radio and television transmission equipment.

38 (i) Construction by any branch of the federal government.

39 (j) Any work with a potential of less than 10 volts.

40 (k) Repair, manufacturing and maintenance work on premises
41 occupied by a firm or corporation, and installation work on
42 premises occupied by a firm or corporation and performed by a
43 regular employee who is a qualified journeyman electrician.

44 (l) Installation, repair or maintenance performed by regular
45 employees of the State or of a municipality, county, or school

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 district on the premises or property owned or occupied by the State,
2 a municipality, county, or school district.

3 (m) The maintaining, installing or connecting of automatic oil,
4 gas or coal burning equipment, gasoline or diesel oil dispensing
5 equipment and the lighting in connection therewith to a supply of
6 adequate size at the load side of the distribution board.

7 (n) Work performed by a person on a dwelling that is occupied
8 solely as a residence for himself or for a member or members of his
9 immediate family.

10 (o) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1997, c.305).

11 (p) Any work performed by a landscape irrigation contractor
12 which has the potential of not more than 30 volts involving the
13 installation, servicing, or maintenance of a landscape irrigation
14 system as this term is defined by section 2 of [this amendatory and
15 supplementary act] P.L.1985, c.289 (C.45:5A-18.1). Nothing in
16 this act shall be deemed to exempt work covered by this subsection
17 from inspection required by the "State Uniform Construction Code
18 Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) or regulations adopted
19 pursuant thereto.

20 (q) Any work performed by a person certified pursuant to
21 sections 1 through 10 of P.L.2001, c.289 (C.52:27D-25n through
22 C.52:27D-25w) that is not branch circuit wiring. For the purposes
23 of this subsection, "branch circuit wiring" means the circuit
24 conductors between the final overcurrent device protecting the
25 circuit and one or more outlets. A certificate holder shall be
26 deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the
27 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the
28 provisions of this subsection.

29 (r) Any work performed by an alarm business, as that term is
30 defined by section 2 of P.L.1985, c.289 (C.45:5A-18.1), licensed
31 pursuant to P.L.1997, c.305 (C.45:5A-23 et seq.) that is not branch
32 circuit wiring. For the purposes of this subsection, "branch circuit
33 wiring" means the circuit conductors between the final overcurrent
34 device protecting the circuit and one or more outlets. A licensee
35 shall be deemed to have engaged in professional misconduct for the
36 purposes of section 8 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-21) for violating the
37 provisions of this subsection.

38 (s) The maintaining, installing, repairing or connecting of a
39 built-in vacuum system which has the potential of not more than 24
40 volts.

41 The board may also exempt from the business permit provisions
42 of this act such other electrical activities of like character which in
43 the board's opinion warrant exclusion from the provisions of this
44 act.

45 (cf. P.L.2001, c.289, s.20)

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47 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill amends "The Electrical Contractors Licensing Act of
4 1962," P.L.1962, c.162 (C.45:5A-1 et seq.), to allow any person to
5 maintain, install, repair or connect a built-in vacuum system which
6 has the potential of not more than 24 volts. Under current law, with
7 certain exceptions, only electrical work with a potential of less than
8 10 volts is exempt from the requirement that the work be done by
9 licensed electrical contractors.