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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 59, L.D. 126, “An Act To Allow a Journeyman Electrician To Supervise Three Helper Electricians”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

‘An Act To Allow Electricians To Supervise More Helper Electricians and Apprentice Electricians’

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §17, is amended to read:

A.  A journeyman electrician may make electrical installations while employed by a supervising master electrician, limited electrician or electrical company.  A person licensed under this subsection may supervise:

(1)  Two helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution and one helper electrician who is not enrolled in or has not completed such a program;

(2)  Two apprentice electricians; or

(3)  One helper electrician when working on an industrial electrical installation as defined by the board by rule;

(4)  Two helper electricians when working on a residential, commercial or solar electrical installation as defined by the board by rule; or

(5)  One apprentice electrician and one helper electrician.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202-A, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §17, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:
1 A master electrician may supervise 2 helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have
2 completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the
3 board or from an accredited institution and one helper electrician who is not enrolled
4 in or has not completed such a program; 2 apprentice electricians; or one helper
5 electrician when working on an industrial electrical installation as defined by the board
6 by rule; 2 helper electricians when working on a residential, commercial or solar
7 electrical installation as defined by the board by rule; or one apprentice electrician and
8 one helper electrician. Any helper electrician or apprentice electrician must be
9 employed by a master electrician and be under the master electrician's supervision.
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11 Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1202-A, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §17, is
12 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:
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14 A limited electrician may supervise 2 helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have
15 completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of education as approved by the
16 board or from an accredited institution and one helper electrician who is not enrolled
17 in or has not completed such a program; 2 apprentice electricians; or one helper
18 electrician when working on an industrial electrical installation as defined by the board
19 by rule; 2 helper electricians when working on a residential, commercial or solar
20 electrical installation as defined by the board by rule; or one apprentice electrician and
21 one helper electrician. A limited electrician may supervise helper electricians or
22 apprentice electricians only in the performance of electrical installations authorized by
23 the limited electrician's specific limited license category.'
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25 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
26 number to read consecutively.

27 SUMMARY
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29 This amendment changes the number of apprentice electricians and helper electricians
30 that a journeyman, master and limited electrician can supervise. Current law allows
31 journeyman, master and limited electrician to supervise 2 helper electricians who are
32 enrolled in, or who have completed, a program of study consisting of 576 hours of
33 education as approved by the board or from an accredited institution. This amendment
34 allows the supervision of such helper electricians and one helper electrician who is not
35 enrolled in, or has not completed, such a program. Current law also allows the supervision
36 of 2 apprentice electricians or one helper electrician. The amendment also allows the
37 supervision of one helper electrician in an industrial electrical application, 2 helper
38 electricians in residential, commercial and solar applications or one apprentice electrician
39 and one helper electrician.

40 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
41 (See attached)