
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 35, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2010, established new minimum qualification licensing
3 requirements for electricians effective July 1, 2013. The
4 legislature further finds that most in-state electrical workers
5 are experienced in low voltage work, which includes wiring
6 buildings at one hundred twenty/two hundred forty volts.
7 However, there are currently not enough electricians, splicers,
8 and linemen in the State who are experienced and qualified to
9 work with high voltage (six hundred volts or higher) and who can
10 perform certain complex maintenance and repair work affecting an
11 electric utility.

12 The legislature additionally finds that Act 35, Session
13 Laws of Hawaii 2010, has had inadvertent consequences. Due to
14 the current lack of electricians, splicers, and linemen in the
15 State who are experienced and qualified to work with high
16 voltage, it may be necessary for an electric utility to contract
17 and retain qualified personnel from other jurisdictions in the
18 United States to perform such high voltage work. However, under



1 the licensing requirements established by Act 35, Session Laws
2 of Hawaii 2010, personnel from other jurisdictions who are
3 qualified to perform such high voltage work, but are otherwise
4 not licensed in the State, would be prohibited from offering
5 assistance through a contract to an electric utility. The
6 legislature concludes that there are potential impacts to the
7 health and safety of the State and its residents, and a specific
8 exception to the licensing requirements for certain qualified
9 individuals is therefore needed.

10 The purpose of this Act is to provide a limited exemption
11 to the licensing requirements for certain individuals in
12 situations when an electric utility must contract with qualified
13 individuals to work with high voltage (six hundred volts or
14 higher), who are not licensed in the State but are otherwise
15 deemed qualified and authorized to perform such high voltage
16 work by a municipal, county, or state governmental authority in
17 other jurisdictions of the United States.

18 SECTION 2. Section 448E-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "**§448E-13 Exemption of public utility and community**
21 **antennae television company [~~employees-~~ personnel. The**
22 **following persons shall be exempt from this chapter:**



1 (1) All employees of a public utility within the State
 2 under a franchise or charter granted by the State
 3 which is regulated by the public utilities commission
 4 and community antennae television company, while so
 5 employed~~[, shall be exempt from the provision of this~~
 6 ~~chapter.]~~; and

7 (2) Persons who are:

8 (A) Retained by a public utility within the State
 9 under a franchise or charter granted by the State
 10 which is regulated by the public utilities
 11 commission to perform high voltage (six hundred
 12 volts or higher) electrical work for the public
 13 utility;

14 (B) Deemed qualified and authorized to perform such
 15 electrical work by a municipal, county, or state
 16 governmental authority in other jurisdictions of
 17 the United States; and

18 (C) In good standing and whose authorization to
 19 perform such electrical work has not been revoked
 20 or suspended for cause."

21 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that on June 30, 2018, this Act shall be repealed and
3 section 448E-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in
4 the form in which it read on the day before the effective date
5 of this Act.

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Report Title:

Electrical Contractors; Licensing; Exemptions; High Voltage

Description:

Provides a limited exemption to the licensing requirements for certain individuals in situations when an electric utility must contract with qualified individuals to work with high voltage (six hundred volts or more), who are not licensed in Hawaii but who are deemed qualified and authorized to perform high voltage work by another jurisdiction in the United States. Sunset 6/30/2018. (SD1)

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