
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONTRACTORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that electrical and
2 plumbing work may pose hazards related to public and worker
3 safety. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to protect the
4 public and promote worker safety by ensuring that persons
5 entering into contracts to perform electrical or plumbing work
6 are appropriately licensed to perform such work.

7 SECTION 2. Section 444-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "§444-9.5 [Licensing] Performance of electrical and
10 plumbing work; licensing of electrical [øx] and plumbing
11 workers. (a) A person licensed as an electrical or plumbing
12 contractor under this chapter may enter into contracts to
13 perform electrical or plumbing work, respectively; provided
14 that:

15 (1) If the contractor's responsible managing employee,
16 which includes a sole proprietor, is not licensed in
17 accordance with chapter 448E, the contractor shall
18 employ individuals licensed in accordance with chapter



1 448E to actually perform the electrical or plumbing
2 work, respectively, subject to this section; and
3 (2) Employees of a community antennae television company
4 and employees of a public utility within the State
5 that is franchised or chartered by the State and
6 regulated by the public utilities commission shall be
7 exempt from this section while so employed and acting
8 within the scope of their employment.

9 (b) At least half of all individuals performing electrical
10 or plumbing work employed on a construction job site by an
11 electrical or plumbing contractor shall be licensed in
12 accordance with chapter 448E. The board may waive this
13 requirement in any county when there are insufficient licensed
14 electrical or plumbing workers in that county to comply with
15 this section.

16 [~~(b)~~] (c) All individuals employed on a construction job
17 site by an electrical or plumbing contractor who are licensed in
18 accordance with chapter 448E shall visibly display their license
19 on their person while on the construction job site. Only
20 individuals displaying their license at the time of a site



1 inspection shall be counted as a licensee to determine
2 compliance with this section."

3 SECTION 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
4 prohibit a general contractor from performing customary duct or
5 conduit work as part of site preparation.

6 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



Report Title:

Contractors; Performance of Electrical or Plumbing Work;
Licensing

Description:

Permits persons licensed as an electrical or plumbing contractor under this chapter to enter into contracts to perform electrical or plumbing work; provided that if a contractor's responsible managing employee, which includes a sole proprietor, is not licensed in accordance with chapter 448E, HRS, then the contractor shall employ individuals licensed in accordance with chapter 448E, HRS, to actually perform the electrical or plumbing work. Exempts employees of public utilities and community antennae television companies. (CD1)

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