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S.B. No. 470

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training and continuing education for licensed electrical apprentices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1305.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-b) to read as follows:

(1-b) "Apprenticeship training program" means a program recognized by the Texas Workforce Commission or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that combines technical classroom instruction and structured on-the-job training for electrical apprentices.

SECTION 2. Section 1305.168, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) Continuing education courses that satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) ~~[this section]~~ must address safety, electrical theory, the National Electrical Code, as adopted under Section 1305.101, and state laws and rules that regulate the conduct of license holders under this chapter.

(b-1) To renew an electrical apprentice license, a license holder who is not enrolled in an apprenticeship training program must complete four hours of continuing education annually. Continuing education courses that satisfy the requirements of this subsection must address safety, the National Electrical Code, as

1 adopted under Section 1305.101, and state laws and rules that
2 regulate the conduct of license holders under this chapter.

3 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to the
4 renewal of an electrical apprentice license that expires on or
5 after the effective date of this Act. A license that expires before
6 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
7 the date the license was issued, and the former law is continued in
8 effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.