

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 3043
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2015;
1-3 May 15, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 and Commerce; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman lineman.
1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-21 SECTION 1. Section 1305.002(12), Occupations Code, is
1-22 amended to read as follows:
1-23 (12) "Journeyman lineman" means an individual who
1-24 engages in electrical work involving the installation,
1-25 maintenance, and operation of equipment associated with the
1-26 transmission and distribution of electricity from the
1-27 electricity's original source to a substation and from a substation
1-28 to the point where the electricity enters a building or structure on
1-29 a customer's premises for further distribution.
1-30 SECTION 2. Section 1305.101(a), Occupations Code, is
1-31 amended to read as follows:
1-32 (a) The executive director or commission, as appropriate,
1-33 shall:
1-34 (1) by rule establish the financial responsibility
1-35 requirements for electrical contractors; ~~and~~
1-36 (2) after publication of the National Electrical Code
1-37 by the National Fire Protection Association every three years,
1-38 adopt the revised National Electrical Code as the electrical code
1-39 for the state; and
1-40 (3) after the publication of the National Electrical
1-41 Safety Code by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics
1-42 Engineers every five years, adopt the revised National Electrical
1-43 Safety Code for purposes of Section 1305.162(e).
1-44 SECTION 3. Section 1305.162, Occupations Code, is amended
1-45 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
1-46 (e) In addition to the other requirements of this section,
1-47 the department shall accept, develop, or contract for a journeyman
1-48 lineman examination that tests an applicant's knowledge of:
1-49 (1) materials and methods used in the installation,
1-50 maintenance, and operation of equipment associated with the
1-51 transmission and distribution of electricity from the
1-52 electricity's original source to a substation and from a substation
1-53 to the point where the electricity enters a building or structure on
1-54 a customer's premises for further distribution; and
1-55 (2) the standards prescribed by the National
1-56 Electrical Safety Code as adopted by the commission.
1-57 SECTION 4. Section 1305.162(e), Occupations Code, as added
1-58 by this Act, applies only to an examination for a journeyman lineman
1-59 license administered on or after June 1, 2016. An examination for a
1-60 journeyman lineman license administered before that date is
1-61 governed by the law in effect on the date the examination was

2-1 administered, and the former law is continued in effect for that
2-2 purpose.

2-3 SECTION 5. Not later than March 1, 2016, the Texas
2-4 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary
2-5 to implement Sections [1305.101](#)(a)(3) and [1305.162](#)(e), Occupations
2-6 Code, as added by this Act.

2-7 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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