

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 1284
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;
 1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Estes			X	
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Schwertner	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston			X	
1-14 Whitmire	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

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 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, 2018. 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, 2018, 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, 2017.

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