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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1087

Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 3099 of, *and to add Section 3099.2 to*, the Labor Code, relating to ~~apprenticeships~~ *electricians*, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1087, as amended, Calderon. Apprenticeships: electricians.

Existing law requires the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to, by July 1, 2001, establish minimum training, competency, and certification standards for electricians, as defined, and to establish and adopt regulations and fees to implement those standards. Existing law ~~required~~ *requires* the division to establish advisory committees as needed to establish electricians' standards by March 1, 2000, and to include electrical contractors on the committees.

This bill would require the division to issue certification cards to electricians who become certified pursuant to the standards set by the division. The bill would continuously appropriate fees collected by the division pursuant to existing law for expenditure in an amount sufficient to pay the cost of supplying the certification cards.

The bill would also require electricians who perform work as electricians for contractors with specified types of licenses to obtain certification by January 1, 2004. The bill would prohibit electricians working for those certain contractors from performing electrical work, unless they are certified. The bill would exempt apprentice electricians

from certification, but would permit apprentices who are within 6 months of completing their apprenticeships to take the certification examination and, upon passing the examination, become certified immediately upon completing the term of their apprenticeship.

The bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3099 of the Labor Code is amended to
 2 read:
 3 3099. (a) The Division of Apprenticeship Standards shall do
 4 all of the following:
 5 ~~(a)~~
 6 (1) On or before July 1, 2001, establish and validate minimum
 7 standards for the competency and training of electricians through
 8 a system of testing and certification.
 9 ~~(1)~~
 10 (2) On or before March 1, 2000, establish an advisory
 11 committee and panels as necessary to carry out the functions under
 12 this section. There shall be contractor representation from both
 13 joint apprenticeship programs and unilateral nonunion programs
 14 in the electrical contracting industry.
 15 ~~(2)~~
 16 (3) On or before July 1, 2001, establish fees necessary to
 17 implement this section.
 18 ~~(3)~~
 19 (4) On or before July 1, 2001, establish and adopt regulations
 20 to enforce this section.
 21 ~~(4)~~
 22 (5) Issue certification cards to electricians who have been
 23 certified pursuant to this section. Fees collected pursuant to
 24 paragraph (3) are continuously appropriated in an amount
 25 sufficient to pay the costs of issuing certification cards, and that
 26 amount may be expended for that purpose by the Division of
 27 Apprenticeship Standards.
 28 (b) There shall be no discrimination for or against any person
 29 based on membership or nonmembership in a union.



1 (c) As used in this section, “electricians” include all
2 employees who engage in the connection of electrical devices for
3 electrical contractors licensed pursuant to Section 7058 of the
4 Business and Professions Code, specifically, contractors classified
5 as electrical contractors in the Contractors’ State License Board
6 Rules and Regulations. This section does not apply to electrical
7 connections under 100 volt-amperes. This section does not apply
8 to persons performing work to which Section 7042.1 of the
9 Business and Professions Code is applicable, or to electrical work
10 ordinarily and customarily performed by stationary engineers.

11 *SEC. 2. Section 3099.2 is added to the Labor Code, to read:*

12 *3099.2. (a) Individuals who perform work as electricians*
13 *shall become certified pursuant to Section 3099 by January 1,*
14 *2004. After January 1, 2004, uncertified individuals may not*
15 *perform electrical work for which certification is required.*

16 *(b) Certification is required only for those individuals who*
17 *perform work as electricians for contractors licensed as Class*
18 *C-10 electrical contractors under the Contractors’ State License*
19 *Board Rules and Regulations. Certification is not required for*
20 *individuals performing work for contractors licensed as Class C-7*
21 *low voltage systems or Class C-45 electric sign contractors as long*
22 *as the work performed is within the scope of the Class C-7 or*
23 *Class-45 license and regardless of whether the same contractor is*
24 *also licensed as a Class C-10 contractor.*

25 *(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), certification is not*
26 *required for registered apprentices performing electrical work as*
27 *part of an apprenticeship program approved under this chapter. An*
28 *apprentice who is within 6 months of completion of his or her term*
29 *of apprenticeship shall be permitted to take the certification*
30 *examination and, upon passing the examination, shall be certified*
31 *immediately upon completion of the term of apprenticeship.*

32 *(d) For the purposes of this section, the term “electricians” has*
33 *the same meaning as the definition set forth in Section 3099.*

