

Floor Amendment to SB 135-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Paragraph; Electricians; Inspectors; Identification. Amend RSA 319-C:5 by inserting
4 after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

5 V. A city or town building official or code enforcement officer designated by the
6 administrative authority of the city or town, shall have the authority to check the license or
7 identification card issued under this chapter.

8 2 New Section; Third Party Electrical Inspections; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 319-C by
9 inserting after section 5 the following new section:

10 319-C:5-a Third Party Electrical Inspections. The board shall adopt rules under RSA 319-C:6-a
11 requiring any entity engaging a person to conduct third-party electrical inspections of electrical
12 installations in this state to have the person conducting the inspection be approved by the board.
13 The board shall maintain and make available a list of such persons approved for third-party
14 electrical inspections. The approval of a person to conduct third-party electrical inspections shall
15 not prohibit a city or town that has established inspections under RSA 47:22 or RSA 674:51 from
16 contracting with any person of its choice to perform third-party electrical inspections.

17 3 State Building Code; National Electrical Code. Amend RSA 155-A:1, IV to read as follows:

18 IV. "New Hampshire building code" or "state building code" means the adoption by
19 reference of the International Building Code 2009, the International Existing Building Code 2009,
20 the International Plumbing Code 2009, the International Mechanical Code 2009, the International
21 Energy Conservation Code 2009, and the International Residential Code 2009, as published by the
22 International Code Council, and the National Electrical Code [2014] **2017**, as amended by the state
23 building code review board and ratified by the legislature in accordance with RSA 155-A:10. The
24 provisions of any other national code or model code referred to within a code listed in this definition
25 shall not be included in the state building code unless specifically included in the codes listed in this
26 definition.

27 4 Licensing Requirements; Requests for Certificate. Amend RSA 319-C:7, III to read as follows:

28 III. All persons licensed by the board shall receive a certificate under the seal of the board
29 and with the signature of the board chairman, which must be publicly displayed at the principal
30 place of business of said electrician, or, if no such place of business, must be carried on his person
31 and displayed at any time upon request **to any electrical inspector appointed under this**
32 **chapter**, as long as said person continues in the business as herein defined. The certificate shall

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1 specify the name of the person licensed who, in the case of a firm, shall be one of its members or
2 employees and, in the case of a corporation, one of its officers or employees passing the examination.
3 In the case of a firm or corporation, the license shall be void upon the death of or the severance from
4 the company of said person.

5 5 Department of Safety; Enforcement by Fire Marshal; Electricians Removed. Amend RSA 21-
6 P:4, VII to read as follows:

7 VII. Have the discretion to grant authority to issue a citation for violations of fire safety
8 rules adopted under RSA 153:4-a, RSA 153:5, and RSA 160-C and to unlicensed persons who
9 perform actions that require a license under RSA 153:28, RSA 153:29-a, [~~RSA 319-C,~~] or RSA 329-A
10 to the state fire marshal or his or her designee, or to any fire chief, fire investigator, fire inspector
11 or fire prevention officer who meets the qualifications established pursuant to RSA 21-P:14, II(s).
12 A citation for violations under this paragraph shall carry the penalty set forth under RSA 153:24.
13 A building official or code enforcement officer may also be granted authority under RSA 21-P:14,
14 II(s) to issue a citation to any unlicensed person who performs actions requiring a license under
15 RSA 153:28, RSA 153:29-a, [~~RSA 319-C,~~] or RSA 329-A.

16 6 Effective Date.

17 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2018.

18 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies who may request identification of licensed electrical inspectors, requires the electricians' board to adopt rules on third party electrical inspections, updates the National Electrical Code in the state building code, and removes the authority of the state fire marshal to enforce provisions on electrician regulation.