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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new

Creates the Electrician Licensing Act. Provides for regulation of electricians and electrical contractors. Establishes civil penalties for violations of the Act. Provides that performing unlicensed electrical work, when a license is required by the Act, constitutes a business offense for the first violation and a Class A misdemeanor for a second or subsequent violation. Provides for concurrent exercise of powers by home rule units. Creates the Building Trades Licensing Task Force. Sets forth requirements for the composition and the actions of the Task Force. Amends the State Finance Act to add the Electrical Safety Standards Fund. Effective January 1, 2027.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of electricians.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Electrician Licensing Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose and policy. Improper electrical wiring
7 and building construction can adversely affect the well being
8 of the public by causing fires due to short circuits and
9 overloading of protection devices. Faulty wiring is
10 potentially lethal and can cause widespread fires with
11 disastrous consequences to persons and property. To protect
12 the health of the public, it is essential that electrical
13 wiring be installed by contractors who are registered with the
14 state and passed all applicable state standards. To further
15 promote health and safety, it is essential that the State
16 inquire as to the potential benefits of licensing other
17 building trades in consultation with labor and ownership in
18 the construction industry.

19 Consistent with its duty to safeguard the health of the
20 people of this State, the General Assembly declares that the
21 planning, inspecting, installing, altering, extending,
22 repairing, and maintaining of electrical wiring systems shall
23 be performed by entities demonstrating levels of proven skill.

1 Further, the General Assembly declares that a guide for
2 minimum control of electrical materials and equipment, the
3 design of electrical systems, and the construction and
4 installation methods of electrical systems is essential for
5 the protection of public health. In order to insure proper
6 electrical wiring practice, this Act provides for the
7 licensing of electrical contractors and supervising
8 electricians and for the adoption of the National Electrical
9 Code (NFPA70) as standards by the Department. This Act is
10 therefore declared to be essential to the public interest.

11 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

12 "Board" means the Illinois State Electrical Licensing
13 Advisory Board.

14 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Professional
15 Regulation.

16 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department
17 of Professional Regulation.

18 "Electrical contractor" means a person, firm, or
19 corporation operating a business that undertakes or offers to
20 undertake to plan for, lay out, supervise, or install or to
21 make additions, alterations, maintenance, or repairs in the
22 installation of wiring, apparatus, or equipment for electric
23 light, heat, or power with or without compensation and who is
24 licensed as an electrical contractor by the Department of
25 Professional Regulation. An electrical contractor's license

1 does not of itself qualify its holder to perform the
2 electrical work. The term electrical contractor does not
3 include employees employed by such contractor to do or
4 supervise such work.

5 "Governmental unit" means a city, village, incorporated
6 town, or county.

7 "Owner" means a natural person who physically performs
8 electrical work on premises the person owns and actually
9 occupies as a single family residence or owns as a single
10 family residence upon completion of construction.

11 "Supervising Electrician" means an individual not less
12 than twenty-one years of age with at least three years of
13 experience in the installation, alteration, repair, and
14 maintenance of electrical wires, equipment, and apparatus, or
15 an experience equivalent thereto and having passed an exam
16 provided by the Department that sufficiently indicates the
17 individual has knowledge and technical training to perform the
18 work or to supervise the installation, alteration, repair and
19 maintenance of electrical wires, equipment, and apparatus.

20 Section 15. Electrical Licensing Advisory Board.

21 (a) There is created the Electrical Licensing Advisory
22 Board that shall exercise its duties provided in this Act
23 under the supervision of the Department. The Board shall
24 consist of an executive director, who serves as an ex officio
25 member, and 11 members appointed by the governor subject to

1 the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board shall be
2 composed of the following members:

3 (1) one member must be the chief electrical inspector
4 of a municipality with a population of not less than
5 150,000, according to the most recent federal census,
6 selected from a list of names submitted by a statewide
7 association of municipal governments;

8 (2) one member must be a building code official of a
9 municipality with a population of less than 150,000,
10 according to the most recent federal census, selected from
11 a list of names submitted by a statewide association of
12 municipal governments;

13 (3) one member must be a supervising electrician
14 selected from a list of names submitted by the
15 Homebuilders Association of Illinois;

16 (4) one member must be an electrical contractor
17 selected from a list of names submitted by the Associated
18 Builders & Contractors, Northern Illinois Chapter;

19 (5) one member must be a supervising electrician
20 selected from a list of names submitted by the Illinois
21 State Association of Electrical Workers of the
22 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers;

23 (6) one member must be an electrical contractor
24 selected from a list of names submitted by the National
25 Electrical Contractors Association, Northeastern Illinois
26 Chapter;

(7) one member must be a training director selected from a list of names submitted by the Illinois State Association of Electrical Workers of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers;

(8) one member must be a training director selected from an Illinois building and contractors association;

(9) one member must be a licensed electrical engineer;

(10) the State Fire Marshal; and

(11) the Director of the Department of Professional

Regulation.

Members of the Board shall serve 4 year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The initial appointments, however, shall be as follows: 3 members for terms of 2 years, 3 members for 3 years, and 2 members for 4 years. The State Fire Marshal's service on the Board shall be continuous. Board members shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with their duties as Board members.

(b) The Director shall serve as the presiding officer of the Board.

(c) A majority constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business and Roberts Rules of Order shall be the rules by which the Board's actions shall be conducted.

(d) The Board shall aid the Director and the Department by:

(1) suggesting rules to govern examinations and

1 hearing for suspension, revocation, or reinstatement of
2 licenses;

3 (2) submitting recommendations to the Director from
4 time to time for the efficient administration of this Act;
5 and

6 (3) performing other duties from time to time as
7 prescribed by the Director.

8 Section 20. Powers and duties of the Director. The Director
9 shall:

10 (a) prepare forms for application for electrical
11 contractor and supervising electrician licenses and for
12 examination for supervising electrician licenses;

13 (b) prepare and issue licenses as provided in this Act;

14 (c) with the aid of the Board, prescribe rules for the
15 examination of applicants for supervising electrician
16 licenses;

17 (d) with the aid of the Board, prepare and give uniform and
18 comprehensive examinations to applicants for supervisory
19 electrician licenses that shall test their knowledge and
20 qualifications in the planning and design of electrical
21 systems, their knowledge, qualifications, and manual skills in
22 electrical installations, and their knowledge of the National
23 Electrical Code relating to materials, design, and
24 installation of methods of electrical systems;

25 (e) issue electrical contractor and supervising

1 electrician licenses and license renewals to every applicant
2 who has passed the examination and who has paid the required
3 license and renewal fee;

4 (f) prescribe rules for hearings to deny, suspend, revoke,
5 or reinstate licenses as provided in this Act;

6 (g) establish and collect fees for the examination,
7 issuance, and renewal of licenses; and

8 (h) formulate and publish rules necessary or appropriate
9 to carrying out the provisions of this Act.

10 Section 25. Licenses.

11 (a) Electrical Contractor. Except as otherwise provided by
12 law, no person shall plan, install, repair, maintain, lay out,
13 or supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, or
14 equipment for electrical light, heat, power, or other purposes
15 unless the person:

16 (1) is licensed by the Department as an electrical
17 contractor;

18 (2) provides the Department a bond to the State in the
19 penal sum of \$5,000 conditioned upon the faithful and
20 lawful performance of all work entered into by the
21 electrical contractor within the State of Illinois. The
22 bond shall be for the benefit of persons injured or
23 suffering financial loss by reason of failure of
24 performance. The bond shall be filed with the Department
25 and shall be in lieu of all other license bonds to any

1 political subdivision. The bond shall be written by a
2 corporate surety licensed to do business in the State of
3 Illinois;

4 (3) files with the Department a certificate evidencing
5 in effect general liability insurance, that includes
6 premises and operations insurance and products and
7 completed operations insurance, with limits of at least
8 \$100,000 per occurrence, \$300,000 aggregate limit for
9 bodily injury, and property damage insurance with limits
10 of at least \$25,000 or a policy with a single limit for
11 bodily injury and property damage of \$300,000 per
12 occurrence and \$300,000 aggregate limits. The insurance
13 shall be written by an insurer licensed to do business in
14 the State of Illinois and shall provide that the insurance
15 shall not be cancelled without the insurer first giving 15
16 days written notice to the Department of the cancellation;
17 and

18 (4) has appointed or employed a licensed supervising
19 electrician responsible for the performance of all
20 electrical work in accordance with the requirements of
21 this Act. The application for an electrical contractor's
22 license must include a verified statement that the
23 designated responsible supervising electrician is an
24 individual who is not employed in any capacity as a
25 licensed supervising electrician by any other electrical
26 contractor.

(b) Supervising Electrician. Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall wire for, plan, install, maintain, lay out, or supervise the installation of wiring, apparatus, or equipment for electric light, heat, or power, unless the person is licensed by the Department as a supervising electrician employed or appointed by a licensed electrical contractor.

An applicant for a supervising electrician's license shall have had at least 2 years of experience, acceptable to the Department, in wiring for, installing, and repairing electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment. The Department, however, may by rule provide for the allowance of one year of experience credit for successful completion of a 2 year post high school electrical course approved by the Department.

Section 30. Examination. In addition to other requirements imposed by this Act and except as otherwise provided in this Act, as a precondition to issuance of a supervising electrician's license, each applicant must pass a written examination given by the Department. The exam shall test their knowledge and qualifications in the planning and design of electrical systems, their knowledge, qualifications, and manual skills in electrical installations, and their knowledge of the National Electrical Code relating to materials, design, and installation of methods of electrical systems. Any licensee failing to renew his or her license for 2 years or

1 more after its expiration shall be required to retake the
2 examination before he or she is issued a new license.

3 Section 35. Experience requirements.

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided for a supervising
5 electrician's license under Section 25, an applicant for a
6 supervising electrician's license shall meet the experience
7 requirements of this Section before examination for licensure.

8 (b) The maximum allowable credit for electrical
9 experience:

10 (1) before age 18 is 6 months;
11 (2) in the military service is 12 months;
12 (3) in foreign countries is 12 months; and
13 (4) acquired during the school term of an approved
14 post high school electrical course is 12 months.

15 (c) Experience in the categories of planning for the
16 installation of wiring, apparatus, and equipment for light,
17 heat, and power; laying out for the installation of wiring,
18 apparatus, and equipment for light, heat, and power;
19 supervising the installation of wiring, apparatus, and
20 equipment for light, heat, and power; and wiring and
21 installation of electrical wiring, apparatus, and equipment
22 for light, heat, and power is acceptable to the Board in the
23 following situations:

24 (1) experience while in the employ of an electrical
25 contractor licensed under this Act;

(2) experience while working in Illinois for an employer who is not required to be licensed as an electrical contractor, if the work is inspected and done under the supervision of a properly licensed electrician;

(3) experience while performing electrical work in Illinois for an employer who is exempt from licensing when the work is exempt from inspection or when the work is performed on federal property by a federal employee, if the Department has determined in either situation that the experience is substantially equal to that acquired in performing work while in the employ of a licensed electrical contractor;

(4) experience while performing electrical work outside of Illinois, which the Department has determined is substantially equivalent to the work performed while in the employ of a licensed electrical contractor in Illinois. This determination must be based on a certification by the employer for the type of work performed.

Section 40. Military exemption. The Department shall reinstate a supervising electrician license that expires while a licensee is in active Military Service of the United States upon application to the Department by the licensee within 2 years after termination of the military service, payment of the annual license fee, and submission of evidence of the

1 military service. The license shall be reinstated without
2 examination and without payment of the lapsed renewal fee.

3 Section 45. License and renewal fees.

4 (a) All licenses issued under this Act shall expire
5 annually in a manner as provided by the Department.

6 (b) The Department shall provide for fees by rule;
7 however, the fees shall not exceed the following amounts:

8 (1) the application fee for a license or temporary
9 license, \$100;

10 (2) the fee for renewal of a license, \$25;

11 (3) the fee for reinstatement of a license that has
12 been expired for less than 2 years, \$50 plus payment of all
13 unpaid renewal fees;

14 (4) the fee for restoration of a license that has been
15 expired for more than 2 years, \$100;

16 (5) the fee for issuance of a duplicate license, the
17 issuance of a replacement that has been lost or destroyed,
18 or the issuance of a license with a change of name and
19 address, other than during the renewal period, \$25;

20 (6) the fee for certification of a licensee's record
21 for any purpose, \$25;

22 (7) the fee for rescoreing of an examination, the cost
23 to the Department of rescoreing the examination plus any
24 fees charged by the applicable testing service to have the
25 examination rescored;

(8) the fee for copies of a license, the actual cost of producing the copies;

(9) the fee for a roster of supervising electricians, the actual cost of producing the roster;

(10) the fee for application for a license by an electrician registered or licensed under the laws of another state, \$100.

Section 50. Unlicensed practice; civil penalty.

(a) Any person who practices, offers to practice, attempts to practice, or holds oneself out to practice as an electrical contractor or supervising electrician without being licensed under this Act shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, pay a civil penalty to the Department in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for each offense as determined by the Department. The civil penalty shall be assessed by Director after a hearing is held in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of a hearing for the discipline of a license.

(b) The Department has the authority and power to investigate any and all unlicensed activity.

(c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and execution had thereon in the same manner from any court of record.

1 (d) The commission of a single act prohibited by this Act
2 or prohibited by the rules promulgated under this Act or a
3 violation of a disciplinary order issued under this Act
4 constitutes a violation of this Act.

5 Section 55. Denial, suspension, and revocation of
6 licenses. The Department may by order refuse to issue or renew
7 a license, may place on probation, suspend, or revoke any
8 license, or may censure, reprimand, or otherwise discipline or
9 impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 upon any licensee
10 hereunder for one or any combination of the following:

11 (a) when the applicant or licensee has, by false or
12 fraudulent representation, obtained or sought to obtain a
13 license;

14 (b) when the applicant or licensee has been convicted of
15 any crime, an essential element of which is dishonesty or
16 fraud or larceny, embezzlement, or obtaining money, property,
17 or credit by false pretenses or by means of a confidence game,
18 has been convicted in this or another state of a crime that is
19 a felony under the laws of this State or has been convicted of
20 a felony in a federal court.

21 The Department may adopt rules further specifying and
22 defining actions and omissions that constitute fraudulent,
23 deceptive, or dishonest practices, and establishing standards
24 of conduct for licensees.

1 Section 60. Grounds for suspension of license. The
2 Department may temporarily suspend a license and call for a
3 hearing when findings show one or more of the following:

4 (a) That the licensee obtained or conspired with others to
5 obtain a license by inducing the issuance of the license in
6 consideration of the payment of money or delivery of any other
7 thing of value or by and through misrepresentation of facts.

8 (b) That the licensee knowingly and willfully violated any
9 law of this State or any rules, regulation, or code regulating
10 electrical wiring installations, or licensed electricians.

11 (c) That the licensee has been found guilty in a court of
12 law of negligence or incompetence in the performance of
13 installation of electrical wiring and the Department after a
14 hearing determines that the licensee poses a danger to the
15 public safety.

16 (d) That the licensee has loaned or in any manner
17 transferred his or her license to another person. If a license
18 is suspended or revoked, the license shall be surrendered to
19 the Department but it shall be returned to the licensee upon
20 the termination of the suspension period.

21 Section 65. Continuation of business by estates. Upon the
22 death of a supervising electrician who is an electrical
23 contractor, the Department may permit the decedent's
24 representative to carry on the business of the decedent for a
25 period not in excess of 6 months, for the purpose of completing

1 work under contract or otherwise to comply with this Act. The
2 decedent's representative may petition the Board for an
3 extension of the 6 month period in the event he or she can
4 demonstrate undue hardship or other special circumstances. The
5 extension may be granted at the recommendation of the Board,
6 subject to Department approval. The representative shall give
7 any bond as the Department may require conditioned upon the
8 faithful and lawful performance of the work. The bond shall be
9 for the benefit of persons injured or suffering financial loss
10 by reason of failure of performance. The bond shall be written
11 by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the State of
12 Illinois. The decedent's representative shall also comply with
13 all public liability and property damage insurance
14 requirements imposed by this Act upon a licensed electrical
15 contractor.

16 Section 70. Exemptions from licensing.

17 (a) Employees of, or independent contractors performing
18 work for, any electric utility or electric utility affiliate,
19 or communications or railway utility or any electric system
20 owned and operated by a governmental unit (notwithstanding any
21 other provision of this Act), electric cooperative as defined
22 in Section 3.4 of the Electric Supplier Act, telephone or
23 telecommunications cooperative as defined in Section 13-212 of
24 the Public Utilities Act, or a telephone company shall not be
25 required to hold a license under any of the following

conditions:

(1) While performing work on installations, materials, or equipment that are owned or leased, operated, and maintained by the electric utility or electric utility affiliate, communications or railway utility, electric system owned and operated by a municipal corporation or unit of local government, electric, telephone, or telecommunications cooperative, or telephone company in the exercise of its utility or telephone function, and that (i) are used exclusively for the generation, transformation, distribution, transmission, or metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the transmission of intelligence and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use of electric current by or for the benefit of any person other than the electric utility or electric utility affiliate, communications or railway utility, electric system owned and operated by a municipal corporation or unit of local government, electric, telephone, or telecommunications cooperative, or telephone company and (ii) are generally accessible only to employees of the electric utility or electric utility affiliate, communications or railway utility, electric system owned and operated by a municipal corporation or unit of local government, electric, telephone, or telecommunications cooperative, or telephone company or persons acting under its control or direction.

(2) While performing work on installations, materials, or equipment that are a part of the street lighting operations of the utility.

(3) While installing or performing work on outdoor area lights that are directly connected to a utility's distribution system and located upon the utility's distribution poles, and are generally accessible only to employees of the utility or persons acting under its control or direction.

(b) Any city, village, or incorporated town having a population of 500,000 or more may, by an ordinance containing provisions substantially the same as those in this Act and specifying educational or experience requirements equivalent to those prescribed in the Act, provide for a board of electrical examiners to conduct examinations for, and to issue, suspend, or revoke, electricians' licenses within the city, village, or incorporated town. Upon the enactment of such an ordinance, the provisions of this Act shall not apply within that municipality except as otherwise provided in this Act. Any person licensed as an electrical contractor by the Department under this Act, may engage in electrical wiring installation anywhere in this State.

(c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the practice of architecture as defined in the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989 or the practice of professional engineering as defined in the Professional

1 Engineering Practice Act of 1989 or the practice of structural
2 engineering as defined in the Structural Engineering Licensing
3 Act of 1989.

4 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent an
5 owner or operator of a farm or his or her employees from
6 installing, making additions to, altering, maintaining, or
7 repairing wiring, apparatus, or equipment for electric light,
8 heat, or power on the farm that he or she owns or operates. For
9 purposes of this subsection, "farm" means land or a building
10 appurtenant to land that is used for an agricultural purpose
11 or for a purpose accessory to an agriculture purpose.

12 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict the
13 activities of an employee of a manufacturing corporation to
14 engage in activities incidental to operation or maintenance of
15 its existing business and facilities; however, provisions of
16 this Act do apply to new construction that results in the
17 expansion of the existing business or facilities of a
18 manufacturing corporation.

19 Section 75. Display of license. Persons who advertise
20 electrical wiring services shall, at their place of business,
21 display the electrical contractor license and shall identify
22 the licensed supervising electrician(s) currently employed by
23 them. When advertising electrical wiring services, the
24 electrical contractor license number shall be included in all
25 forms of written or printed advertising and included on all

1 contractor vehicles.

2 Section 80. Safety standards. All electrical wiring,
3 apparatus, and equipment for electric light, heat, and power
4 shall comply with the rules of the Department, as applicable,
5 and be installed in conformity with accepted standards of
6 construction for safety to life and property.

7 For the purposes of this Act, the regulations and safety
8 standards stated at the time the work is done in the then most
9 recently published edition of the National Electrical Code as
10 adopted by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc. and
11 approved by the American National Standards Institute, and the
12 National Electrical Safety Code as published by the Institute
13 of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. and approved by
14 the American National Standards Institute, shall be prima
15 facie evidence of accepted standards of construction for
16 safety to life and property. Nothing in this Act shall
17 prohibit any political subdivision from making and enforcing
18 more stringent requirements than set forth in this Act and
19 those requirements shall be complied with by all licensed
20 electricians working within the jurisdiction of that political
21 subdivision; except that nothing in this Act shall be
22 construed to give a political subdivision the authority to
23 apply those standards or requirements to electrical work
24 performed on a farm.

1 Section 85. Local Inspections. Any political subdivision
2 may make provision for inspection of electrical installations
3 within its jurisdiction, in which case it shall keep on file
4 with the Department copies of its current inspection
5 ordinances and codes. Any political subdivision may require
6 any individual, partnership, corporation, or other business
7 association holding a license from the Department to pay any
8 license, registration fee, or permit fees provided however,
9 that any political subdivision may provide by ordinance a
10 requirement that each individual, partnership, corporation, or
11 other business association doing electrical work within the
12 jurisdiction of the political subdivision have on file with
13 the political subdivision a copy of the current license issued
14 by the Department or other evidence of the license as may be
15 provided by the Department.

16 Section 90. Order of suspension. An order of suspension,
17 revocation, or reinstatement of a license, or of dismissal of
18 a complaint or petition, or a certified copy of an order, over
19 the seal of the Department and purporting to be signed by the
20 Director, shall be *prima facie* proof that:

21 (1) the signature is the genuine signature of the
22 Director; and
23 (2) the Director is duly appointed and qualified.

24 Section 95. Manufacturing of electrical apparatus;

1 exemption. Electrical components, apparatus, or appliances
2 being manufactured within the limits of property that is owned
3 or leased by a manufacturer and the manufacturer's production
4 employees shall not be covered by this Act. Installation or
5 repair of electrical appliance units, except (i) electrical
6 wiring to the unit, or (ii) original wiring in or on the unit
7 installed outside the limits of property that is owned or
8 leased by a manufacturer shall not be covered by this Act.

9 Section 100. Violations.

10 (a) Any person violating Section 25 of this Act shall be
11 guilty of a business offense and fined a minimum of \$100 for
12 the first offense. A second or subsequent violation of Section
13 25 of this Act shall be a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum
14 fine of \$200. The State's Attorney of the County in which the
15 violation occurred or the Attorney General shall prosecute
16 these actions in the name of the People of the State of
17 Illinois.

18 (b) If it is established that the defendant, contrary to
19 this Act, has been engaging, is engaging, or is about to engage
20 in electrical work without having been issued a license, or
21 has been engaging or is about to engage in electrical work
22 after his or her license has been suspended or revoked or after
23 his or her license has not been renewed, the Court may enter a
24 decree enjoining the defendant from further engaging in
25 electrical work contrary to this Act. In case of a violation of

1 any injunction issued under this Section, the Court may
2 summarily try and punish the offender for contempt of court.
3 Injunction proceedings shall be in addition to, and not in
4 lieu of, all penalties and other remedies in this Act.

5 Section 105. Electricians practicing before this Act.
6 Electrical contractors who are in the business on January 1,
7 2027 and who file a license application with the Department
8 within 180 days after the effective date of this Act shall be
9 granted a license that shall be valid for one year from the
10 date of issuance. These licenses shall be subject to annual
11 renewal as provided in this Act.

12 Persons who have 2 years experience as provided in Section
13 25 of this Act in performing electrical work on or after July
14 1, 2027 or who have successfully completed an examination for
15 a similar license provided by a governmental unit, and who
16 file a license application with the Department within 180 days
17 after July 1, 2027 shall be granted a supervising
18 electrician's license that shall be valid for one year from
19 the date of issuance. These licenses shall be subject to
20 annual renewal as provided in this Act.

21 Section 120. Administrative Procedure Act; application.
22 The provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act
23 are expressly adopted and shall apply to all administrative
24 rules and procedures of the Department under this Act, except

1 that Section 5 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act
2 relating to procedures for rulemaking does not apply to the
3 adoption of any rule required by federal law in connection
4 with which the Department is precluded by law from exercising
5 any discretion.

6 Section 125. Review under Administrative Review Law. All
7 final administrative decisions of the Director under this Act
8 shall be subject to judicial review under the Administrative
9 Review Law and its rules.

10 Section 130. Home rule. A home rule unit may not regulate
11 the licensing of electricians and electrical contractors in a
12 manner inconsistent with the regulation by the State of
13 electricians and electrical contractors. This Section is a
14 limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of
15 the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home
16 rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.

17 Section 135. Electrical Safety Standards Fund. The
18 Electrical Safety Standards Fund is created as a special fund
19 in the State treasury. All fees and fines collected under this
20 Act shall be deposited into the Fund. All money in the
21 Electrical Safety Standards Fund may be used, subject to
22 appropriation, by the Department for the administration of
23 this Act.

1 Section 140. Time limit on action. No action may be taken
2 by the Department against any person for violation of the
3 terms of this Act or its rules unless the action is commenced
4 within 5 years after the occurrence of the alleged violation.

5 Section 145. Building Trades Licensing Task Force.

6 (a) The Building Trades Licensing Task Force is created
7 within the Department of Financial and Professional
8 Regulation. The purpose of the Task Force is to review and
9 study the necessity and feasibility of establishing licensing
10 programs for workers involved in the construction industry who
11 are not currently required to be licensed in this State.

12 (b) As used in this Section, "construction industry" means
13 any constructing, altering, reconstructing, repairing,
14 rehabilitating, refinishing, refurbishing, remodeling,
15 remediating, renovating, custom fabricating, maintenance,
16 landscaping, improving, wrecking, painting, decorating,
17 demolishing, and adding to or subtracting from any building,
18 structure, highway, roadway, street, bridge, alley, sewer,
19 ditch, sewage disposal plant, water works, parking facility,
20 railroad, excavation or other structure, project, development,
21 real property or improvement, or the performance of any part
22 of that work, whether or not the performance of the work
23 involves the addition to or the fabrication into any
24 structure, project, development, real property or improvement

1 described in this Section of any material or article of
2 merchandise.

3 (c) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

4 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the
5 President of the Senate;

6 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
7 Leader of the Senate;

8 (3) one member of the House appointed by the Speaker
9 of the House;

10 (4) one member of the House appointed by the Minority
11 Leader of the House;

12 (5) one member appointed by the Governor;

13 (6) one member representing the Department of
14 Financial and Professional Regulation appointed by the
15 Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation;

16 (7) three members representing management in the
17 construction industry appointed by the Governor;

18 (8) three members representing unions that have
19 members who perform work in the construction industry
20 appointed by the Governor;

21 (9) one member representing the interests of State
22 municipalities appointed by the Governor;

23 (10) one member representing the interests of State
24 counties appointed by the Governor; and

25 (11) one member appointed by the Governor, who shall
26 be designated the chairperson of the Task Force by the

1 Governor.

2 (d) All appointments to the Task Force shall be made
3 within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.

4 (e) Vacancies in the Task Force shall be filled by the
5 initial appointing authority within 30 days after the vacancy
6 occurs.

7 (f) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
8 compensation.

9 (g) The Task Force shall receive the assistance of
10 legislative staff. The Task Force may employ skilled experts
11 with the approval of the chairperson, and shall receive the
12 cooperation of those State agencies it deems appropriate to
13 assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties.

14 (h) The members of the Task Force shall have voting
15 rights. A quorum of the Task Force shall consist of a simple
16 majority of the members of the Task Force. All actions and
17 recommendations of the Task Force must be approved by a simple
18 majority vote of the members.

19 (i) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the
20 Governor no later than 90 days after the effective date of this
21 Act, and shall thereafter meet at the call of the chairperson.

22 (j) The Office of the Governor shall provide
23 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

24 (k) The Task Force shall:

25 (1) discuss whether State residents would benefit from
26 legislation requiring workers in trades associated with

1 the construction industry to obtain a statewide license
2 from the Department of Financial and Professional
3 Regulation;

4 (2) if it is determined that licensure for a
5 particular trade associated with the construction industry
6 is beneficial, determine:

7 (A) the requirements applicants must meet to
8 qualify for a license;

9 (B) the grounds for denial or revocation of a
10 license; and

11 (C) any other considerations relevant to a
12 licensing requirement; and

13 (3) make recommendations to the General Assembly.

14 (1) No later than January 1, 2028, the Task Force shall
15 summarize its findings and recommendations in a report to the
16 General Assembly. Upon filing its report, the Task Force is
17 dissolved.

18 (m) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2029.

19 Section 150. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
20 Section 5.1030 as follows:

21 (30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new)

22 Sec. 5.1030. The Electrical Safety Standards Fund.

23 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect
24 January 1, 2027.