

HB 1595-FN – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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HOUSE BILL ***1595-FN***

AN ACT relative to certification of electronic systems technicians by the electricians' board.

SPONSORS: Rep. Nowe, Rock 9

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a program for the voluntary certification of electronic systems technicians administered by the ~~joint board of professional engineers, architects, land surveyors, foresters, professional geologists, and natural scientists.~~ ***electricians' board***

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Six

AN ACT relative to certification of electronic systems technicians by the electricians' board.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Subdivision; Electronic Systems Technicians. Amend RSA 319-C by inserting after section 15 the following new subdivision:

Electronic Systems Technicians

319-C:16 Certification of Electronic Systems Technicians.

I. The board shall establish and administer an **voluntary** electronic system technician certification program for the purpose of certifying an individual whose primary occupation is the design or integration, installation, and field maintenance or service of cabling infrastructure and products that do any of the following:

- (a) Transport voltage of less than 100 volts of voice, video, audio, control, and data signals in commercial and residential premises.
- (b) Capture and display or otherwise annunciate signals.
- (c) Control voice, video, audio, or data signals.
- (d) Use signals to control mechanical and electrical apparatus.

II. **Electronic system technician shall not mean persons eligible for certification under RSA 153:5-a, Fire Equipment Service Certification.**

III. The board, with the approval of the commissioner of safety, shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A developed by the advisory committee on electronic systems technicians relative to:

- (a) The establishment of minimum education and training standards and continuing education requirements for certified electronic systems technicians.

(b) The establishment of fees for certification. After the first year of this program, such fees shall be sufficient to produce estimated revenues equal to 125 percent of the direct operating expenses of the program for the previous fiscal year.

IV. Whoever falsely claims to be certified as an electronic systems technician through advertising, signage, or verbal representation shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person.

V. Electricians licensed by the board under this chapter shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision.

VI. Telephone, cable, and utility workers of any utility when performing their duties authorized by the utility shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision.

319-C:17 Criminal Records Check.

I. All applicants for certification as an electronic systems technician shall submit to the New Hampshire department of safety, division of state police, a notarized criminal record release authorization form, along with the appropriate fee, prior to submitting an application for a certification to the board.

II. The board shall supply the criminal record release authorization form to applicants.

III. Upon receipt of an applicant's criminal record information, the board shall make a determination of eligibility for certification.

319-C:18 Advisory Committee on Electronic Systems Technicians. There is established an electronic system technicians advisory committee ~~appointed by the governor with advice of the council~~. The term of office for members shall be 3 years and until a successor is appointed. The initial members of the commission shall serve staggered terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and for the unexpired terms.

I. The advisory committee shall be comprised of the following members, **all of whom shall be New Hampshire residents**:

(a) ~~One Three~~ representative **appointed by** ~~of~~ the Custom Electronic Design and Installation Association.

(b) ~~One Two~~ representative **appointed by** ~~of~~ the National Systems Contractors Association.

(c) One representative **appointed by** the New Hampshire Electrical Contractors Business Association

(d) One representative **appointed by the Building Industry Consulting Service International.**

(e) One representative **appointed by Info-Comm**

(f) ~~One Two~~ representatives **appointed by** of the Retail Merchants Association of New Hampshire.

(g) Two representatives of a trade union, **one of which shall be appointed by the IBEW New Hampshire local union, one appointed by (telecom union)**

II. The advisory committee shall assist the board in carrying out the duties under this subdivision by providing advice regarding:

(a) Developing rules.

(b) Qualifications for certification.

(c) Implementing the certification program under this subdivision.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.