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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Six

**AN ACT** relative to voluntary certification of electronic systems technicians.

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

1 New Subdivision; Electronic Systems Technicians. Amend RSA 310-A by inserting after section 139 the following new subdivision:

Electronic Systems Technicians

310-A:140 **Voluntary Certification** of Electronic Systems Technicians.

I. The joint board of professional engineers, architects, land surveyors, foresters, professional geologists, and natural scientists shall establish and administer a 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. The joint board 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 for voluntarily certified electronic systems technicians.

(b) The establishment of fees for **voluntary 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 of the previous fiscal year.

III. 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.

310-A:141 Advisory Committee on Electronic Systems Technicians. There is established a 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:

- (a) Three representatives of the Custom Electronic Design and Installation Association.
- (b) Two representatives of the National Systems Contractors Association.
- (c) Two representatives of the Retail Merchants Association of New Hampshire.
- (d) Two representatives of a trade union.

II. The advisory committee shall assist the joint 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.