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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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<b>2013 Senate Bill 545</b>	<b>Senate Amendments 1 to 6</b>
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2013 Senate Bill 545 relates to licensing for electricians.

### **2013 SENATE BILL 545**

Senate Bill 545 revises the structure for licensing the various levels of electricians, and specifies that the Department of Safety and Professional Services may enter into a reciprocity agreement with another state to recognize licensing of an electrician who has met comparable credentialing requirements.

The bill also adds specific exemptions for work done by an employee in an existing manufacturing facility, work to replace residential switches and outlets, and volunteer work for a qualified nonprofit engaged in building homes, and revises the current exemption for work on equipment that does not have a primarily electrical function. Additionally, the bill exempts from the licensing requirements a person who was born before January 1, 1955, and who has at least 15 years of experience in electrical work.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 specifies that among the options to qualify for a journeyman license, experience in an apprenticeship program must be as a construction electrician, and the apprenticeship program must have been at least three years, rather than four years as under the bill.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 2**

Senate Amendment 2 updates terminology used in the current exemption regarding “transmission facilities” to refer instead to facilities that support “telecommunications service” in order to be consistent with the revised statutory terminology for that industry.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 3**

Senate Amendment 3 revises the bill's exception for replacement of switches and outlets to apply to any building type, rather than applying only to residential one- or two-family homes.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 4**

Senate Amendment 4 revises the bill's exemption from the licensing requirements for a person who was born before January 1, 1955, to a person who was born before January 1, 1956. The amendment also requires DSPS to promulgate rules for a licensing option that is specific to this age and experience group. Upon promulgation of this licensing option, the exemption from licensing is eliminated, and a person in this age and experience group is required to hold this or another type of valid license for electrical work.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 5**

Senate Amendment 5 revises the terminology in the exception to work on equipment that is non-electrical in nature to specify that the exception applies only if the work is on conductors that are part of the equipment or are connecting the equipment to the nearest junction, pull, or device box.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 6**

Senate Amendment 6 revises the bill's exception for volunteer work with a qualified nonprofit engaged in building homes to specify that the exception applies to one- and two-family dwellings, rather than applying to only one-family dwellings.

### **BILL HISTORY**

On February 14, 2014, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor introduced Senate Amendment 6, adopted each of the amendments, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 4; Noes, 0.

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