

1989 Senate Bill 428

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AN ACT *to amend* subchapter IV (title) of chapter 101, 101.82 (1), 101.865 (1) and 101.87 (title) and (1); and *to create* 101.87 (4) of the statutes, **relating to:** requiring the department of industry, labor and human relations to certify beginning electricians, journeymen electricians and electrical contractors and granting rule-making authority.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subchapter IV (title) of chapter 101 of the statutes is amended to read:

CHAPTER 101
SUBCHAPTER IV
INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION
AND CERTIFICATION OF MASTER ELECTRICIANS,
CONTRACTORS, JOURNEYMEN AND
BEGINNING ELECTRICIANS
(PRECEDES S. 101.80)

SECTION 2. 101.82 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

101.82 (1) Adopt rules for the construction and inspection of electrical construction of public buildings and places of employment and for the inspection of electrical construction of places where farming, as defined in s. 101.01 (2) (f), is conducted. Where feasible, the standards used shall be those nationally recognized. No rule may be adopted which does not take into account the conservation of energy in construction and maintenance of buildings.

SECTION 3. 101.865 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

101.865 (1) It is hereby made the duty of every contractor and other person who does any electric wiring in this state to comply with the Wisconsin state electrical code, and the company furnishing the electric current shall obtain proof of such compliance before furnishing

such service; provided, that nothing therein contained shall be construed as prohibiting any municipality from making more stringent regulations than those contained in the ~~above mentioned~~ Wisconsin state electrical code. Proof of such compliance shall consist of a certificate furnished by a municipal or other recognized inspection department or officer, or if there is no such inspection department or officer it shall consist of ~~an affidavit~~ a written statement furnished by the contractor or other person doing the wiring, indicating that there has been such compliance.

SECTION 4. 101.87 (title) and (1) of the statutes are amended to read:

101.87 (title) Certification. (1) The department shall adopt rules establishing a uniform examination for the statewide certification of master electricians and establishing certification requirements for electrical contractors, journeymen electricians and beginning electricians. The rules shall specify that only master electricians and persons who employ at least one master electrician may be certified as electrical contractors; that persons who successfully complete an apprenticeship program lasting for at least 4 years and approved by the U.S. department of labor and by the department or pass an inside journeyman wireman examination and who have installed electrical wiring for at least 48 months and have maintained and repaired electrical wiring for at least one month shall be certified as journeymen electricians; and that only persons who have some experience installing and repairing electrical wiring may be certified as beginning electricians. The rules shall provide for the

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periodic administration of the examination, shall specify the certification period and examination fee and shall establish criteria for the suspension of the certificate by the department for violations of a municipality's electrical code upon notification of such violations by the municipality. Applicants for certification as electrical contractors shall provide the department with their social security number, their worker's compensation number, their unemployment insurance account number, their state and federal tax identification numbers and the name

and address of each partner if they are partnerships, of the owner if they are individual proprietorships and of their officers if they are corporations.

SECTION 5. 101.87 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

101.87 (4) No municipality may, before January 1, 1995, require the licensure of electrical contractors unless that municipality requires that licensure on the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts date].