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**2013 Wisconsin Act 4**  
[2013 Assembly Bill 35]

**Licensing and Registration of  
Electricians and Electrical  
Contractors**

2013 Wisconsin Act 4 relates to the timing for licensing, registration, and certification requirements for electrical contractors, electricians, and electrical inspectors.

**Current Law**

Pursuant to 2007 Wisconsin Act 63, current law requires that, beginning April 1, 2013, a master electrician, journeyman electrician, beginning electrician, or electrical contractor must be licensed or registered by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS), unless an exemption applies.

Also, beginning April 1, 2013, a municipality may not impose any licensing, registration, or certification requirements on electricians, electrical contractors, or electrical inspectors. Any such requirement in existence on March 19, 2008, remains in effect until April 1, 2013, and cannot be repealed or amended during that period.

**2013 Wisconsin Act 4**

Act 4 delays the effective date for statewide electricians' licensing and registration, and for the pre-emption of municipal requirements, from April 1, 2013, to April 1, 2014.

In addition, the Act specifies that between March 28, 2013 and March 31, 2014, a municipal ordinance that imposes any licensing, registration, or certification requirements does not apply to an electrician, electrical contractor, or electrical inspector who is licensed, registered, or certified by DPS. The Act also specifies that during that time period a municipality may issue or renew such licenses, registrations, or certifications (for a person not licensed, registered, or certified by DPS), but the license, registration, or certification would not be valid after March 31, 2014.

**Effective date:** The Act takes effect on March 28, 2013.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.