January 30, 2020 - Introduced by Senators FEYEN and JACQUE, cosponsored by Representatives SCHRAA and PETRYK. Referred to Committee on Local Government, Small Business, Tourism and Workforce Development.

1 AN ACT relating to: modifying an administrative rule of the Department of Safety and Professional Services regarding renewal of a registered electrician enrollment for a youth apprentice.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill modifies a rule of the Department of Safety and Professional Services to create an exception to the continuing education requirement for a youth apprentice who is enrolled as a registered electrician.

Under current law, no person may install, repair, or maintain electrical wiring unless the person is licensed as an electrician or enrolled as a registered electrician by DSPS. Under current rules of DSPS, a person who is enrolled as a registered electrician may renew his or her enrollment if the person obtains at least 24 hours of continuing education prior to the expiration of the one-year term of the enrollment.

Under the bill, a person who is enrolled in a youth apprenticeship program approved by the Department of Workforce Development may renew his or her enrollment as a registered electrician without completing the continuing education that applies to other registered electricians.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. SPS 305.45 (2) (c) 2. of the administrative code is amended to read:

SPS 305.45 (2) (c) 2. The renewal of an enrollment as a registered electrician shall be contingent upon the registered electrician obtaining at least 24 hours of acceptable continuing education prior to the expiration date of the enrollment as specified in s. SPS 305.08 and Table 305.06, except as provided in subd. subds. 3. and 3m.

SECTION 2. SPS 305.45 (2) (c) 3m. of the administrative code is created to read:

SPS 305.45 (2) (c) 3m. The continuing education requirements under subd. 2. do not apply to a person who is enrolled in a youth apprenticeship program under s. 106.13, Stats., that includes installing, repairing, or maintaining electrical wiring.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an application to renew an enrollment as a registered electrician that expires on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

(1) Notwithstanding s. 227.265, this act takes effect on the day after publication.

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