



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2013 Assembly Bill 35**

**Assembly Amendment 2**

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2013 Assembly Bill 35 relates to the effective date for licensing and registration requirements for electricians and electrical contractors.

### **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 (DSPS), 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 Any such requirement in existence on March 19, 2008, remains in effect until April 1, 2013, and cannot be repealed or amended during that period.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 Assembly Bill 35**

Assembly Bill 35 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.

### **Assembly Amendment 2**

Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Bill 35 maintains the provisions of the bill, and specifies that between the effective date of Assembly Bill 35 becoming law 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 DSPS.

The amendment 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 DSPS), but the license, registration, or certification would not be valid after March 31, 2014.

**Legislative History**

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representatives Knodl and Sinicki. On February 28, 2013, the Assembly adopted the amendment on a voice vote and passed Assembly Bill 35, as amended, on a voice vote.

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