

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 535

BY SENATOR NEVERS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Provides that certification cards be issued to those who successfully complete a state approved electrical apprenticeship program approved by the La. Workforce Commission. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 23:393 through 393.3, relative to electrical apprenticeship
4 programs; to provide for a certification card; to provide for authority to issue a card;
5 to provide for a term for the card; to provide for renewal; to provide for continuing
6 education to remain certified; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 23:393 through 393.3, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **PART II. ELECTRICIAN CERTIFICATION**

11 **§393. Electrician certification card**

12 **A. Upon completion of a state approved electrical apprenticeship**
13 **program, an electrician may apply for a certification card to indicate the**
14 **completion of such a course of study.**

15 **B. Such card shall have a term of two years and shall be renewable.**

16 **C. Such card shall be issued by the state apprenticeship council and the**
17 **council shall be responsible for promulgating all applicable rules and**

1 regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950
2 et seq.

3 §393.1. Previous completers of approved apprenticeship programs

4 A. Those persons who, prior to enactment of this Part, completed a state
5 approved electrical apprenticeship program shall be issued a certification card
6 by the state apprenticeship council.

7 B. Such card shall have a term of two years, shall be renewable, and
8 shall be subject to all the requirements set forth by the state apprenticeship
9 council.

10 §393.2. Continuing education

11 A. An individual who holds a certification card as an electrician shall
12 satisfactorily complete a minimum of four hours of continuing education during
13 each two-year term of certification.

14 B. No individual shall receive renewal of his certification as an
15 electrician without having met this continuing education requirement.

16 §393.3. Council approval of courses for electrician apprentices

17 A. The state apprenticeship council shall approve courses for the
18 continuing education of electricians.

19 B. Only continuing education courses approved by the state
20 apprenticeship council shall be used to satisfy the continuing education
21 requirement of this Part.

22 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and requested to
23 designate R.S. 23:381 through 392 as "PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS".

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

Present law does not provide for the certification of electricians.

Proposed law provides for the issuance of a certification card to all electricians who have satisfactorily completed a state approved apprenticeship program.

Proposed law provides that such card shall be renewable and have a term of two years.

Proposed law requires the state apprenticeship council to issue such certification cards.

Proposed law requires that certification cards shall not be renewed unless the electrician has successfully completed 4 hours of continuing education since the previous card was issued.

Proposed law allows the state apprenticeship council to designate what continuing education courses are suitable for continuing education credit for an electrician.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 23:393-393.3)