

SENATE BILL 88: Electrician Requirements for Certain Orgs.

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 88 would make several clarifying changes to provide that electrical contractors employed by local boards of education, hospitals, and nonprofit organizations may make repairs and conduct maintenance at any building or facility owned or possessed by a local board of education when done at the direction of the local board of education, hospital, or nonprofit organization.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H165, as introduced by Rep. Saine, which is currently in House Regulatory Reform.]

CURRENT LAW: Current law provides that an electrical contractor's license is not required for the installation, construction, maintenance, or repair of electrical wiring, devices, appliances, or equipment upon one's own property.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would clarify that the exception from licensure for a person performing electrical work on the person's own property does not limit the ability of a local board of education, a hospital, or a nonprofit organization to employ a licensed electrical contractor to perform maintenance and repairs on property owned or possessed by the local board of education, hospital, or nonprofit organization.

Section 2 would provide that a licensed electrical contractor who is regularly employed by a local board of education, hospital, or nonprofit organization may maintain an individual license and may contract with or perform work at the direction of the contractor's employer for any building or facility owned or possessed by the employer, regardless of whether all or a portion of the building or facility is being leased or otherwise provided for another entity or event.

Section 3 would provide that local boards of education may employ licensed electrical contractors.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

