Proposed Local Law Number 3 Of 2023

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A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2019, A Local Law Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For The Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 16 of Local Law 3 of 2019, as amended on November 19, 2019 by Local Law No. 8 of 2019; further amended on August 17, 2021 by Local Law No. 8 of 2021, and codified as Section 185-16 of the Code of Ulster County, is hereby amended as follows:

A. Any person possessing a certified copy of a master electrician's license issued by Kingston or the Village of Saugerties which was valid and effective as of the date of the **application submitted under this section** adoption of this chapter and who completes an application to the Board as required by the Board no later than **December 31, 2023** two years from the date of the adoption of this chapter shall be granted an Ulster County license without examination.

B. Any person who can show proof that he or she has been in business as an electrical contractor continuously and competently doing the work of a master electrician in Ulster County for at least 11 consecutive years prior to the date of the **application submitted under this section** adoption of this chapter and this work is a principal source of livelihood for that person, and who completes an application to the Board as required by the Board no later than **December 31, 2023** two years from the date of the adoption of this chapter, shall be entitled to a master electrician's license without examination, which will not apply in the City of Kingston or the Village of Saugerties, where an examination has been a requirement.

C. Any person who is issued a license under this grandfather clause may renew said license annually on or before the expiration of the license upon payment of an annual renewal fee.

D. If a person is issued a master electrician's license under this section, such person may renew his or her license for an additional fee without taking the written examination only if:

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(1) He or she has been actively and continuously engaged in work as a master electrician under the supervision of a licensed master electrician since the issuance of his or her last valid master electrician's license; or

(2) He or she has been actively and continuously engaged in work as an inspector of electrical work; or

(3) He or she has not been actively or continuously engaged in work as a master electrician during the past two years but can provide proof acceptable to the Board that he or she has recently participated in a continuing education course updating his or her knowledge of the work of a master electrician.

E. If a person fails to apply for a license under the grandfather clause of this chapter within five years of enactment of this chapter, then said person must comply with all the other requirements contained in this chapter in order to receive a license.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this article shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon the filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York.