

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6241

September 22, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Howell, Frederick, Markkanen, Cherry, Guerra, Sneller and Sabo referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled "Skilled trades regulation act," by amending sections 701 and 737 (MCL 339.5701 and 339.5737), section 701 as amended by 2018 PA 151.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1           Sec. 701. As used in this article:
- 2           (a) "Apprentice electrician" means an individual other than an
- 3           electrical contractor, master electrician, or electrical
- 4           journeyman, who is engaged in learning about and assisting in the



1 installation or alteration of electrical wiring and equipment under  
2 the direct personal supervision of an electrical journeyman or  
3 master electrician.

4 (b) "Board" means the electrical administrative board  
5 described in section 705.

6 (c) "Electric sign" means fixed, stationary, or portable self-  
7 contained, electrically illuminated equipment that has words or  
8 symbols designed to convey information or attract attention.  
9 Electric sign includes outline lighting. Electric sign does not  
10 include those signs that are indoor or outdoor portable  
11 applications or recognized holiday residential signs listed with a  
12 recognized testing and approval agency and that use a cord cap-110  
13 volt plug as the electrical energizing attachment method.

14 (d) ~~(e)~~ "Electrical contractor" means a person that is engaged  
15 in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing,  
16 servicing, or maintaining electrical wiring.

17 (e) "Electrical energy supply agency" means any of the  
18 following:

19 (i) An electric utility as that term is defined in section 2 of  
20 the electric transmission line certification act, 1995 PA 30, MCL  
21 460.562.

22 (ii) An independent transmission company as that term is  
23 defined in section 2 of the electric transmission line  
24 certification act, 1995 PA 30, MCL 460.562.

25 (iii) A municipal electric utility system as that term is  
26 defined in section 4 of the Michigan energy employment act of 1976,  
27 1976 PA 448, MCL 460.804.

28 (iv) An electric cooperative headquartered in this state  
29 organized as a cooperative corporation under sections 98 to 109 of



1 1931 PA 327, MCL 450.98 to 450.109, that serves primarily members  
2 of the cooperative electric utility.

3 (f) ~~(d)~~—"Electrical journeyman" means an individual other than  
4 an electrical contractor who, as his or her principal occupation,  
5 is engaged in the practical installation or alteration of  
6 electrical wiring. An electrical contractor or master electrician  
7 may also be an electrical journeyman.

8 ~~(e) "Electric sign" means fixed, stationary, or portable self-~~  
9 ~~contained, electrically illuminated equipment that has words or~~  
10 ~~symbols designed to convey information or attract attention.~~  
11 ~~Electric sign includes outline lighting. Electric sign does not~~  
12 ~~include those signs that are indoor or outdoor portable~~  
13 ~~applications or recognized holiday residential signs listed with a~~  
14 ~~recognized testing and approval agency and that use a cord cap-110~~  
15 ~~volt plug as the electrical energizing attachment method.~~

16 (g) ~~(f)~~—"Electrical wiring" means all wiring, generating  
17 equipment, fixtures, appliances, devices, and appurtenances in  
18 connection with the generation, distribution, and utilization of  
19 electrical energy, in or on a building, residence, structure, or  
20 properties, regardless of whether ~~or not~~ the electrical wiring is  
21 energized at the time of installation. The term includes service  
22 entrance wiring as defined in the Michigan electrical code.

23 (h) ~~(g)~~—"Fire alarm contractor" means a person that is engaged  
24 in the business of erecting, installing, altering, repairing,  
25 servicing, or maintaining **the** wiring, **or the associated** devices,  
26 appliances, or equipment of a fire alarm system.

27 (i) ~~(h)~~—"Fire alarm specialty apprentice technician" means an  
28 individual other than a fire alarm contractor or a fire alarm  
29 specialty technician who is engaged in learning about and assisting



1 in the installation or alteration of fire alarm system wiring and  
 2 equipment under the direct personal supervision of a fire alarm  
 3 specialty technician.

4 (j) ~~(i)~~—"Fire alarm specialty licensure" means licensure as a  
 5 fire alarm contractor or a fire alarm specialty or apprentice  
 6 technician.

7 (k) ~~(j)~~—"Fire alarm specialty technician" means an individual  
 8 other than a fire alarm contractor who, as his or her principal  
 9 occupation, is engaged in the design and practical installation or  
 10 alteration of fire alarm systems. An individual who is a fire alarm  
 11 contractor may also be a fire alarm specialty technician.

12 (l) ~~(k)~~—"Fire alarm system" means a system that is designed to  
 13 detect and annunciate the presence of fire, or by-products of fire,  
 14 installed in a building or structure. Fire alarm system does not  
 15 include a single station smoke detector.

16 Sec. 737. (1) Except as otherwise provided in **subsection (3),**  
 17 **or elsewhere in** this article, ~~or in subsection (3),~~ a person shall  
 18 not engage in the business of electrical contracting unless the  
 19 person has received from the board or from the appropriate  
 20 municipality an electrical contractor's license.

21 (2) Except as otherwise provided in **subsection (3), or**  
 22 **elsewhere in** this article, ~~or in subsection (3),~~ an individual,  
 23 other than an individual who is licensed under this article and  
 24 employed by and working under the direction of a holder of an  
 25 electrical contractor's license, shall not in any manner undertake  
 26 to execute any electrical wiring.

27 (3) A ~~licensee~~ **license** is not required to perform any of the  
 28 following classes of work:

29 (a) Minor repair work.



1 (b) The installation, alteration, repairing, rebuilding, or  
 2 remodeling of elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, or man lifts  
 3 performed under a permit issued by an elevator inspection agency of  
 4 this state or a municipality of this state.

5 (c) The installation, alteration, or repair of electrical  
 6 equipment and its associated wiring installed on the premises of  
 7 consumers or subscribers by or for an electrical energy supply  
 8 **agency** or communication agency for use by that agency in the  
 9 generation, transmission, distribution, or metering of electrical  
 10 energy or for the operation of signals or transmission of  
 11 intelligence.

12 (d) The installation, alteration, or repair of electrical  
 13 wiring for the generation and primary distribution of electric  
 14 current, or the secondary distribution system up to and including  
 15 the meters, if that work is an integral part of the system owned  
 16 and operated by an ~~electric light and power utility~~ **electrical**  
 17 **energy supply agency** in rendering its duly authorized service.

18 (e) Any work involved in the manufacture of electric  
 19 equipment, including the testing and repairing of that manufactured  
 20 equipment.

21 (f) The installation, alteration, or repair of equipment and  
 22 its associated wiring for the generation or distribution of  
 23 electric energy for the operation of signals or transmission of  
 24 intelligence if that work is performed in connection with a  
 25 communication system owned or operated by a telephone or telegraph  
 26 company **or electrical energy supply agency** in rendering ~~its the~~  
 27 **company's or agency's** authorized service. ~~as a telephone or~~  
 28 ~~telegraph company.~~

29 (g) Any installation, alteration, or repair of electrical



1 equipment by a homeowner in a single family home and accompanying  
2 outbuildings owned and occupied or to be occupied by the individual  
3 who is performing the installation, alteration, or repair of  
4 electrical equipment.

5 (h) Any work involved in the use, maintenance, operation,  
6 dismantling, or reassembling of motion picture and theatrical  
7 equipment used in any building with approved facilities for  
8 entertainment or educational use and that has the necessary  
9 permanent wiring and floor and wall receptacle outlets designed for  
10 the proper and safe use of that theatrical equipment, but not  
11 including any permanent wiring.

12 (i) Work performed by a person that is licensed as a  
13 mechanical contractor in a classification described in section  
14 807(2)(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f), a person that is licensed as a  
15 plumbing contractor under article 11, and employees of those  
16 persons, while performing maintenance, service, repair,  
17 replacement, alteration, modification, reconstruction, or upgrading  
18 of control wiring circuits and electrical component parts in  
19 existing mechanical systems defined in the Michigan mechanical code  
20 and the Michigan plumbing code, including, but not limited to,  
21 energy management systems, relays and controls on boilers, water  
22 heaters, furnaces, air conditioning compressors and condensers, fan  
23 controls, thermostats and sensors, and all interconnecting wiring  
24 associated with the mechanical systems in buildings that are on the  
25 load side of the unit disconnect, that is located on or immediately  
26 adjacent to the equipment, except for life safety systems wiring.

27 (j) Electrical wiring associated with the installation,  
28 removal, alteration, or repair of a water well pump on a single  
29 family dwelling to the first point of attachment in the house from



1 the well, by a pump installer registered under part 127 of the  
2 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.12701 to 333.12771.

3 (k) The installation, maintenance, or servicing of security  
4 alarm systems in a building or structure. As used in this  
5 subdivision, "security alarm system" means that term as defined in  
6 section ~~733(2)(e)~~. **733**.

7 (l) The installation, maintenance, or servicing of listed  
8 residential and commercial lawn irrigation equipment, except any  
9 permanent wired connections exceeding 30 volts.

10 (m) The installation, maintenance, or servicing of listed  
11 landscape lighting systems and equipment, except any permanent  
12 wired connections exceeding 30 volts.

13 (n) The installation, alteration, maintenance, or repair of  
14 electric signs and related wiring by an unlicensed individual under  
15 the direct supervision of a licensed sign specialist except that  
16 the ratio of unlicensed individuals engaged in this activity shall  
17 not exceed 2 unlicensed individuals to 1 licensed sign specialist.  
18 An enforcing agency shall enforce this ratio on a jobsite basis.

19 (o) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair, and  
20 renovation of telecommunications equipment and related systems by a  
21 person that is primarily engaged in the telecommunications and  
22 related information systems industry. This exemption does not  
23 include the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, or  
24 renovation of a fire alarm system.

