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AN ACT

- 1 Regulating and requiring the licensure of electrical 2 contractors; establishing the State Board of Examiners of 3 Electrical Contractors and providing for its powers and
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- 13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 14 hereby enacts as follows:
- 15 Section 1. Short title.
- 16 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Electrical
- 17 Contractors Licensing Act.
- 18 Section 2. Definitions.
- 19 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 20 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 21 context clearly indicates otherwise.
- 22 "Board." The State Board of Examiners of Electrical
- 23 Contractors under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational
- 24 Affairs within the Department of State.
- 25 "Commissioner." The Commissioner of Professional and
- 26 Occupational Affairs.
- 27 "Electrical contractor." A person who engages in the
- 28 business of contracting to install, erect, repair or alter
- 29 electrical equipment for the generation, transmission or
- 30 utilization of electrical energy.

- 1 "Person." A person, firm, corporation or other legal entity.
- 2 Section 3. State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors.
- 3 (a) Creation. -- There is hereby created the State Board of
- 4 Examiners of Electrical Contractors, a departmental
- 5 administrative board in the Department of State. The board shall
- 6 consist of nine members who are citizens of the United States
- 7 and who have been residents of this Commonwealth for a two-year
- 8 period, two of whom shall be public members, three of whom shall
- 9 be qualified electrical contractors with experience of not less
- 10 than ten years as an electrical contractor, one of whom shall be
- 11 a qualified electrical inspector with experience of not less
- 12 than five years as an electrical inspector, one of whom shall be
- 13 a registered professional engineer with experience of not less
- 14 than five years in the electrical industry, one of whom shall be
- 15 the Commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational
- 16 Affairs, and one of whom shall be the Director of the Bureau of
- 17 Consumer Protection in the Office of Attorney General, or his
- 18 designee.
- 19 (b) Terms of office.--The members shall serve for four-year
- 20 terms, except as provided in subsection (c), and shall be
- 21 appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of
- 22 a majority of the members elected to the Senate.
- 23 (c) Initial appointments. -- Within 90 days of the effective
- 24 date of this act, the Governor shall nominate one qualified
- 25 electrical contractor with experience of not less than ten years
- 26 as an electrical contractor and one public member to serve four-
- 27 year terms; one qualified electrical contractor with experience
- 28 of not less than ten years as an electrical contractor and one
- 29 qualified electrical inspector with experience of not less than
- 30 five years as an electrical inspector to serve three-year terms;

- 1 one qualified electrical contractor with experience of not less
- 2 than ten years as an electrical contractor, one public member to
- 3 serve a two-year term; and one registered professional engineer
- 4 with experience of not less than five years in the electrical
- 5 industry to serve a one-year term.
- 6 (d) Continuation in office.--Each board member shall
- 7 continue in office until a successor is duly appointed and
- 8 qualified but no longer than six months after the expiration of
- 9 the term. In the event that a board member dies, resigns or
- 10 otherwise becomes disqualified during the term of office, a
- 11 successor shall be appointed in the same way and with the same
- 12 qualifications as set forth in this section and shall hold
- 13 office for the unexpired portion of the unexpired term.
- 14 (e) Limit on terms. -- No board member shall be eliqible for
- 15 appointment to serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.
- 16 (f) Forfeiture of membership.--A board member who fails to
- 17 attend three consecutive meetings shall forfeit his or her seat
- 18 unless the commissioner, upon written request from the member,
- 19 finds that the member shall be excused from a meeting because of
- 20 illness or the death of a family member.
- 21 (g) Compensation. -- Each member of the board, except the
- 22 commissioner, and the Director of the Bureau of Consumer
- 23 Protection, shall receive \$60 per diem when actually attending
- 24 to the work of the board. Members shall also receive reasonable
- 25 traveling, hotel and other necessary expenses incurred in the
- 26 performance of their duties in accordance with Commonwealth
- 27 regulations.
- 28 (h) Forfeiture for nonattendance.--A public member who fails
- 29 to attend two consecutive statutorily mandated training seminars
- 30 in accordance with section 813(e) of the act of April 9, 1929

- 1 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
- 2 shall forfeit his or her seat unless the commissioner, upon
- 3 written request from the public member, finds that the public
- 4 member should be excused from a meeting because of illness or
- 5 the death of a family member.
- 6 (i) Quorum. -- A majority of the members serving in accordance
- 7 with law shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting
- 8 the business of the board. Except for temporary and automatic
- 9 suspensions, a member may not be counted as part of a quorum or
- 10 vote on any issue unless he or she is physically in attendance
- 11 at the meeting.
- 12 (j) Meetings.--The board shall meet at least four times a
- 13 year in Harrisburg.
- 14 (k) Notice.--Reasonable notice of all meetings shall be
- 15 given in conformity with the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.388,
- 16 No.84), known as the Sunshine Act.
- 17 (1) Operating procedures. -- The board shall meet within 30
- 18 days after the appointment of initial members and set up
- 19 operating procedures and an application form for licensing
- 20 electrical contractors. It shall be the responsibility of the
- 21 board to circulate these forms and educate the public to the
- 22 requirements of licensing in order to hold oneself out as a
- 23 licensed electrical contractor within this Commonwealth.
- 24 Section 4. Powers and functions of board.
- 25 The board shall have the following powers:
- 26 (1) To pass upon the qualifications and fitness of
- 27 applicants for licenses and reciprocal licenses and to adopt
- and revise rules and regulations requiring applicants to pass
- 29 examinations relating to their qualifications as a
- 30 prerequisite to the issuance of a license.

- 1 (2) To adopt and, from time to time, revise those rules
 2 and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect
 3 provisions of this act. The regulations shall include, but
 4 shall not be limited to, standards of professional practice
 5 and conduct for licensed electrical contractors in
 - (3) To examine for, deny, approve, issue, revoke, suspend or renew licenses of electrical contractors pursuant to this act and to conduct hearings in connection therewith.
 - (4) To conduct hearings upon complaints concerning violations of this act and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this act and seek the prosecution and enjoinder of all such violations.
- 14 (5) To expend moneys necessary to the proper carrying 15 out of its assigned duties.
 - (6) To waive examination and grant a license in cases deemed exceptional by the board and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the board.
 - (7) To submit annually a report, to the Professional Licensure Committee of the House of Representatives and the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee of the Senate, containing a description of the complaints received, status of the cases, board action which has been taken and length of time from the initial complaint to final board resolution.
 - (8) To submit annually to the Appropriation Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, 15 days after the Governor has submitted his budget to the General Assembly, a copy of the budget request for the upcoming fiscal year which the board previously submitted to the

Pennsylvania.

- 1 Department of State.
- 2 Section 5. License required.
- 3 After the effective date of this act, no person shall enter
- 4 into, engage in or work in business as an electrical contractor,
- 5 unless the person has obtained a license from the board in
- 6 accordance with the provisions of this act, and the licensee
- 7 shall assume full responsibility for inspection and supervision
- 8 of all electrical work to be performed in accordance with
- 9 recognized safety standards. Any single act or transaction shall
- 10 constitute engaging in the business of electrical contracting
- 11 within the meaning of this act.
- 12 Section 6. Qualifications for license.
- No person shall be granted an electrical contractors license
- 14 unless he or she submits proof satisfactory to the board that:
- 15 (1) He or she is of good moral character.
- 16 (2) He or she has been employed or engaged in the
- 17 business of electrical construction and installation or has
- 18 equivalent practical experience for a period of not less than
- 19 five years preceding the time of the application, or shall
- 20 otherwise establish to the satisfaction of the board that he
- or she has the necessary education and background to take the
- 22 examination for a license.
- 23 (3) He or she has passed an examination duly adopted by
- the board, prepared and administered by a qualified and
- approved professional testing organization in the manner
- 26 prescribed for written examinations by the provisions of
- 27 section 812.1 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),
- 28 known as The Administrative Code of 1929.
- 29 (4) His or her application has been accompanied by the
- 30 application fee.

1 (5) He or she has not been convicted of a felony under

2 the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The

3 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or of an

4 offense under the laws of another jurisdiction, which, if

committed in this Commonwealth, would be a felony under The

6 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, unless:

- 7 (i) at least ten years have elapsed from the date of conviction;
- 9 (ii) the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to
 10 the board that he or she has made significant progress in
 11 personal rehabilitation since the conviction, such that
 12 licensure of the applicant should not be expected to
 13 create a substantial risk of harm to the health and
 14 safety of the public or a substantial risk of further
 15 criminal violations; and
- (iii) the applicant otherwise satisfies the
 qualifications contained in or authorized by this act. As
 used in this subparagraph, the term "convicted" shall
 include a judgment, an admission of guilt or a plea of
 nolo contendere.
- 21 Section 7. Exemption from examination.
- The requirements of section 6(3) shall not apply and a
- 23 license shall be issued without examination to an individual who
- 24 submits an application for license, accompanied by the required
- 25 fee, within two years of the effective date of this act, who is
- 26 a resident of this Commonwealth, who submits proof of being
- 27 employed or engaged in the business of electrical contracting
- 28 within this Commonwealth for a period of at least ten years
- 29 prior to the effective date of this act and who demonstrates, to
- 30 the satisfaction of the board, that his or her principal

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- 1 business for at least five years immediately preceding the date
- 2 of application was that of an electrical contractor.
- 3 Section 8. Reciprocity.
- 4 The board shall have the power to grant a reciprocal license
- 5 to an applicant who is licensed or certified as an electrical
- 6 contractor in another state and who demonstrates qualifications
- 7 which equal or exceed those required pursuant to this act in the
- 8 determination of the board, provided that no license shall be
- 9 granted under this section to an applicant unless the state in
- 10 which the applicant is licensed affords reciprocal treatment to
- 11 persons who are residents of this Commonwealth and who are
- 12 licensed pursuant to this act.
- 13 Section 9. Refusal, suspension and revocation of license.
- 14 (a) Grounds.--The board may refuse, suspend, revoke, limit
- 15 or restrict a license or reprimand a licensee for any of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (1) Securing a license by misrepresentation.
- 18 (2) Failing to maintain the qualifications required by
- 19 this act or demonstrating a level of competence manifestly
- 20 inconsistent with retention of the license in question.
- 21 (3) Engaging in fraudulent business activities or in
- 22 misleading advertising practices.
- 23 (4) Violating any provision of this act.
- 24 (5) Committing an act of gross negligence or condoning
- such an act by his or her employee.
- 26 (6) Failing to adequately and properly supervise
- 27 employees in compliance with safety standards recognized by
- the board or regulations promulgated by the board.
- 29 (7) Failing to perform electrical construction in
- 30 conformance with standards of the National Electrical Code

- then in effect and the standards, if any, of the municipality
- wherein the work is performed.
- 3 (8) Being convicted of a felony or a crime of moral
- 4 turpitude in any Federal or state court, or being convicted
- of the equivalent of a felony in any foreign country,
- 6 territory or possession. As used in this paragraph, the term
- 7 "convicted" includes a finding or verdict of guilt, an
- 8 admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere, or receiving
- 9 probation without verdict, disposition in lieu of trial or an
- 10 accelerated rehabilitative disposition in the disposition of
- 11 felony charges.
- 12 (9) Having a license to perform electrical contracting
- 13 suspended, revoked or refused or receiving other disciplinary
- 14 action by the proper licensing authority of any other state,
- territory, possession or country.
- 16 (b) Board action. -- When the board finds that the license or
- 17 application for license of any person may be refused, revoked,
- 18 restricted or suspended under the terms of subsection (a), the
- 19 board may:
- 20 (1) Deny the application for a license.
- 21 (2) Administer a public reprimand.
- 22 (3) Revoke, suspend, limit or otherwise restrict a
- license as determined by the board.
- 24 (4) Suspend enforcement of its findings thereof and
- 25 place a licensee on probation with the right to vacate the
- 26 probationary order for noncompliance.
- 27 (5) Restore a suspended license and impose any
- disciplinary or corrective measure which it might originally
- 29 have imposed.
- 30 (c) Hearing.--All actions of the board shall be taken

- 1 subject to the right of notice, hearing and adjudication and the
- 2 right of appeal therefrom in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. (relating
- 3 to administrative law and procedure).
- 4 (d) Temporary suspension. -- The board shall temporarily
- 5 suspend a license under circumstances as determined by the board
- 6 to be an immediate and clear danger to the public health and
- 7 safety. The board shall issue an order to that effect without a
- 8 hearing, but upon due notice to the licensee concerned at his or
- 9 her last known address, which shall include a written statement
- 10 of all allegations against the licensee. The provisions of
- 11 subsection (c) shall not apply to temporary suspension. The
- 12 board shall thereupon commence formal action to suspend, revoke
- 13 or restrict the license of the person concerned as otherwise
- 14 provided for in this act. All actions shall be taken promptly
- 15 and without delay. Within 30 days following the issuance of an
- 16 order temporarily suspending a license, the board shall conduct,
- 17 or cause to be conducted, a preliminary hearing to determine if
- 18 there is a prima facie case supporting the suspension. The
- 19 licensee whose license has been temporarily suspended may be
- 20 present at the preliminary hearing and may be represented by
- 21 counsel, cross-examine witnesses, inspect physical evidence,
- 22 call witnesses, offer evidence and testimony and make a record
- 23 of the proceedings. If it is determined that there is not a
- 24 prima facie case, the suspended license shall be immediately
- 25 restored. The temporary suspension shall remain in effect until
- 26 vacated by the board but in no event longer than 180 days.
- 27 (e) Automatic suspension. -- A license issued under this act
- 28 shall automatically be suspended upon the legal commitment of a
- 29 licensee to an institution because of mental incompetence from
- 30 any cause upon filing with the board a certified copy of the

- 1 commitment, conviction of a felony under the act of April 14,
- 2 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,
- 3 Device and Cosmetic Act, or conviction of an offense under the
- 4 laws of another jurisdiction, which, if committed in this
- 5 Commonwealth, would be a felony under The Controlled Substance,
- 6 Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. As used in this section, the term
- 7 "conviction" shall include a judgment, an admission of guilt or
- 8 a plea of nolo contendere. Automatic suspension under this
- 9 section shall not be stayed pending an appeal of conviction.
- 10 Restoration of the license shall be made as provided in this act
- 11 for revocation or suspension of the license.
- 12 Section 10. Reinstatement of license.
- 13 Unless otherwise ordered to do so by Commonwealth Court or an
- 14 appeal therefrom, the board shall not reinstate the revoked
- 15 license of a person to practice as an electrical contractor
- 16 pursuant to this act. Any person whose license has been revoked
- 17 may apply for reinstatement, after a period of at least five
- 18 years, but must meet all of the licensing qualifications of this
- 19 act, including the examination requirement, if he or she desires
- 20 to practice as an electrical contractor pursuant to this act at
- 21 any time after the revocation.
- 22 Section 11. Reporting of multiple licensure.
- 23 Any licensed electrical contractor of this Commonwealth who
- 24 is also licensed in any other state, territory or country shall
- 25 report this information to the board on the biennial renewal
- 26 application. Any disciplinary action taken in any other state,
- 27 territory or country shall be reported to the board on the
- 28 biennial renewal application, or within 90 days of disposition,
- 29 whichever is sooner. Multiple licensure shall be noted by the
- 30 board on the licensee's record, and the state, territory or

- 1 country shall be notified by the board of any disciplinary
- 2 actions taken against the licensee in this Commonwealth.
- 3 Section 12. Surrender of suspended or revoked license.
- 4 The board shall require a person whose license has been
- 5 suspended or revoked to return the license in a manner as the
- 6 board directs. Failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor of the
- 7 third degree.
- 8 Section 13. Death or disability of qualifying representative.
- 9 No person shall be denied the privilege of conducting
- 10 business as an electrical contractor in the event of death,
- 11 illness or other physical disability of the representative
- 12 thereof who qualified the person for a business permit for at
- 13 least six months following the date of the death, illness or
- 14 other physical disability, provided that the business is
- 15 conducted under the qualified supervision as the board deems
- 16 adequate.
- 17 Section 14. Transferability of license.
- 18 No license issued under this act shall be assignable or
- 19 transferable.
- 20 Section 15. Powers of municipalities.
- 21 (a) Municipal ordinances preserved. -- This act shall not deny
- 22 to any municipality the power to inspect electrical work or
- 23 equipment or the power to regulate the standards and manner in
- 24 which electrical work shall be done, but no municipality shall
- 25 require any electrical contractor licensed under this act to
- 26 obtain a municipal license or business permit to engage in the
- 27 business of electrical contracting in the municipality.
- 28 (b) Failure to comply with local ordinance. -- Any licensee
- 29 who fails to comply with any municipal ordinance concerning the
- 30 inspection of electrical work shall be guilty of a violation of

- 1 this act.
- 2 Section 16. Exempt work or construction.
- 3 Electrical work or construction which is performed on the
- 4 following facilities or which is by or for the following
- 5 entities shall not be included within the business of electrical
- 6 contracting so as to require a license under this act:
- 7 (1) Minor repair work, such as replacement of lamps and
- 8 fuses, existing wall switches, plug-in receptacles on
- 9 existing outlets and sockets on existing incandescent
- 10 fixtures.
- 11 (2) The connection of portable electrical appliances to
- 12 suitable permanently installed receptacles.
- 13 (3) Electrical work in mines or on ships, railway cars,
- elevators, escalators or automotive equipment.
- 15 (4) Electrical work done by or for a public utility,
- 16 cooperative or municipality, when such work is a part of the
- 17 plant or services used in the generation, supplying,
- transmission and distribution of electricity or in the
- 19 provision of communication service to the public.
- 20 (5) A railway utility in the exercise of its functions
- as a utility and located in or on buildings or premises used
- 22 exclusively by the utility.
- 23 (6) Commercial radio and television transmission
- 24 equipment.
- 25 (7) Construction by any branch of the Federal
- 26 Government.
- 27 (8) Installation, repair or maintenance performed by
- full-time employees of the Commonwealth, or of a political
- 29 subdivision or municipal authority, on the premises owned or
- 30 occupied by the Commonwealth, political subdivision or

- 1 authority.
- 2 (9) The maintaining, installing or connecting of
- automatic oil, gas or coal burning equipment or gasoline or
- 4 diesel oil dispensing equipment, and the lighting in
- 5 connection therewith, under standards adopted by the board.
- 6 Section 17. Penalties.
- 7 (a) Criminal penalty. -- A person who violates this act
- 8 commits a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall, upon
- 9 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of up to \$1,000 or to
- 10 imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.
- 11 (b) Civil penalty. -- In addition to any other civil remedy or
- 12 criminal penalty provided for in this act, the board, by a vote
- 13 of the majority of the maximum number of the authorized
- 14 membership of the board as provided by law, or by a vote of the
- 15 majority of the duly qualified and confirmed membership or a
- 16 minimum of three members, whichever is greater, may levy a civil
- 17 penalty of up to \$1,000 on any current licensee who violates any
- 18 provision of this act or on any person who holds himself or
- 19 herself out as a licensed electrical contractor without being so
- 20 licensed pursuant to this act. The board shall levy this penalty
- 21 only after affording the accused party the opportunity for a
- 22 hearing, as provided in 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative
- 23 law and procedure).
- 24 (c) Disposition.--All fines and civil penalties imposed in
- 25 accordance with this section shall be paid into the Professional
- 26 Licensure Augmentation Account.
- 27 Section 18. License renewal; records and fees.
- 28 (a) Renewal term. -- The renewal of a license shall be on a
- 29 biennial basis.
- 30 (b) Records.--A record of all persons licensed to practice

- 1 as electrical contractors in this Commonwealth shall be kept in
- 2 the office of the board and shall be open to public inspection
- 3 and copying upon payment of a nominal fee for copying the
- 4 record.
- 5 (c) Fees.--
- 6 (1) All fees required pursuant to this act shall be
- fixed by the board by regulation and shall be subject to the
- 8 act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the
- 9 Regulatory Review Act. If the revenues raised by fees, fines
- 10 and civil penalties imposed pursuant to this act are not
- 11 sufficient to meet expenditures over a two-year period, the
- 12 board shall increase those fees by regulation so that the
- projected revenues will meet or exceed projected
- 14 expenditures.
- 15 (2) If the Bureau of Professional and Occupational
- 16 Affairs determines that the fees established by the board
- pursuant to paragraph (1) are inadequate to meet the minimum
- 18 enforcement efforts required by this act, then the bureau,
- 19 after consultation with the board and subject to the
- 20 Regulatory Review Act, shall increase the fees by regulation
- in an amount so that adequate revenues are raised to meet the
- 22 required enforcement effort.
- 23 Section 19. Subpoenas.
- 24 (a) Power to issue. -- The board shall have the authority to
- 25 issue subpoenas, upon application of an attorney responsible for
- 26 representing the Commonwealth in disciplinary matters before the
- 27 board, for the purpose of investigating alleged violations of
- 28 disciplinary provisions administered by the board. The board
- 29 shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, to administer oaths,
- 30 to examine witnesses and to take testimony or compel the

- 1 production of those books, records, papers and documents as it
- 2 may deem necessary or proper in, and pertinent to, any
- 3 proceeding, investigation or hearing held or had by it. Client
- 4 records may not be subpoenaed without consent of the client or
- 5 without order of a court of competent jurisdiction on a showing
- 6 that the records are reasonably necessary for the conduct of the
- 7 investigation. The court may impose such limitations on the
- 8 scope of the subpoena as are necessary to prevent unnecessary
- 9 intrusion into client confidential information. The board is
- 10 authorized to apply to Commonwealth Court to enforce its
- 11 subpoenas.
- 12 (b) Notification of board. -- An attorney responsible for
- 13 representing the Commonwealth in disciplinary matters before the
- 14 board shall notify the board immediately upon receiving
- 15 notification of an alleged violation of this act. The board
- 16 shall maintain current records of all reports of alleged
- 17 violations and periodically review the records for the purpose
- 18 of determining that each alleged violation has been resolved in
- 19 a timely manner.
- 20 Section 20. Unlawful practice.
- 21 (a) Unlawful practice prohibited.--It shall be unlawful for
- 22 any person to hold himself or herself out as a licensed
- 23 electrical contractor without possessing a valid, unexpired,
- 24 unrevoked and unsuspended license issued under this act.
- 25 (b) Injunction. -- Unlawful practice may be enjoined by the
- 26 courts upon petition of the commissioner or the board. In any
- 27 proceeding under this section, it shall not be necessary to show
- 28 that any person is individually injured by the actions
- 29 complained of. If the court finds that the respondent has
- 30 violated this section, it shall enjoin him or her from so

- 1 practicing until he or she has been duly licensed. Procedure in
- 2 such cases shall be the same as in any other injunction suit.
- 3 (c) Remedy cumulative. -- The injunctive remedy provided in
- 4 this section shall be in addition to any other civil or criminal
- 5 prosecution and punishment.
- 6 Section 21. Appropriation.
- 7 The sum of \$85,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
- 8 is hereby appropriated from the Professional Licensure
- 9 Augmentation Account within the General Fund to the Bureau of
- 10 Professional and Occupational Affairs in the Department of
- 11 State, for the payment of costs of processing licenses and
- 12 renewals, for the operation of the board and for other general
- 13 costs of the bureau operations relating to this act. The
- 14 appropriation granted shall be repaid by the board within three
- 15 years of the beginning of issuance of licenses by the board.
- 16 Section 22. Severability.
- 17 The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of
- 18 this act or its application to any person or circumstance is
- 19 held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions
- 20 or applications of this act which can be given effect without
- 21 the invalid provision or application.
- 22 Section 23. Sunset.
- 23 The State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors shall
- 24 be subject to evaluation and review, termination,
- 25 reestablishment and continuation in accordance with the
- 26 provisions of the act of December 22, 1981 (P.L.508, No.142),
- 27 known as the Sunset Act.
- 28 Section 24. Effective date.
- 29 This act shall take effect as follows:
- 30 (1) Sections 5 and 20 of this act shall take effect in

- 1 24 months.
- 2 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 90
- 3 days.