

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman lineman.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 1305.002(12), Occupations Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (12) "Journeyman lineman" means an individual who  
7 engages in electrical work involving the installation,  
8 maintenance, and operation of equipment associated with the  
9 transmission and distribution of electricity from the  
10 electricity's original source to a substation and from a substation  
11 to the point where the electricity enters a building or structure on  
12 a customer's premises for further distribution.

13 SECTION 2. Section 1305.101(a), Occupations Code, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (a) The executive director or commission, as appropriate,  
16 shall:

17 (1) by rule establish the financial responsibility  
18 requirements for electrical contractors; ~~and~~

19 (2) after publication of the National Electrical Code  
20 by the National Fire Protection Association every three years,  
21 adopt the revised National Electrical Code as the electrical code  
22 for the state; and

23 (3) after publication of the National Electrical  
24 Safety Code by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics

1 Engineers every five years, adopt the revised National Electrical  
2 Safety Code for purposes of Section 1305.162(e).

3 SECTION 3. Section 1305.162, Occupations Code, is amended  
4 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

5 (e) In addition to the other requirements of this section,  
6 the department shall accept, develop, or contract for a journeyman  
7 lineman examination that tests an applicant's knowledge of:

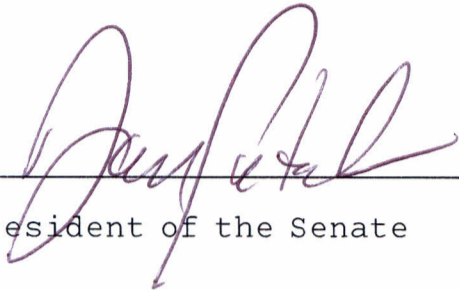
8 (1) materials and methods used in the installation,  
9 maintenance, and operation of equipment associated with the  
10 transmission and distribution of electricity from the  
11 electricity's original source to a substation and from a substation  
12 to the point where the electricity enters a building or structure on  
13 a customer's premises for further distribution; and

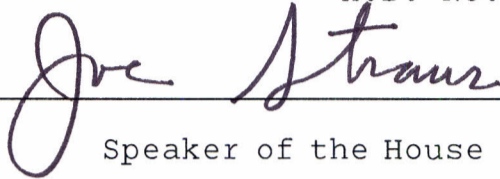
14 (2) the standards prescribed by the National  
15 Electrical Safety Code as adopted by the commission.

16 SECTION 4. Section 1305.162(e), Occupations Code, as added  
17 by this Act, applies only to an examination for a journeyman lineman  
18 license administered on or after June 1, 2018. An examination for a  
19 journeyman lineman license administered before that date is  
20 governed by the law in effect on the date the examination was  
21 administered, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
22 purpose.

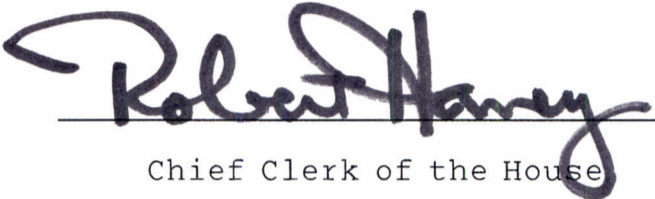
23 SECTION 5. Not later than March 1, 2018, the Texas  
24 Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall adopt rules necessary  
25 to implement Sections 1305.101(a)(3) and 1305.162(e), Occupations  
26 Code, as added by this Act.

27 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

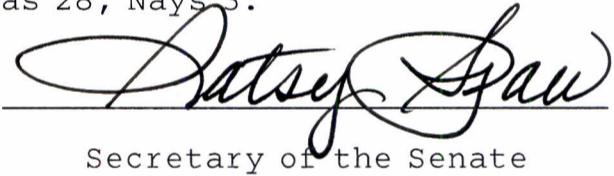
  
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1284 was passed by the House on April 28, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 13, 2 present, not voting.

  
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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1284 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

  
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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
3 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 15 2017



Secretary of State

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**  
**41-3501**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

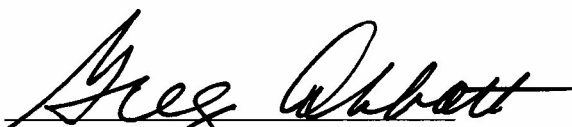
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1284 as passed by the Eighty-Fifth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

I vetoed this bill in 2015. The Legislature enacted the exact same bill that was previously vetoed.

Since the Eighty-Fifth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2017.

  
GREG ABBOTT  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:



ROLANDO B. PABLOS  
Secretary of State

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Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 9, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1284** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman lineman.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

This bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman lineman.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation estimates there would be a minimal cost and a minimal revenue gain associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation

**LBB Staff:** UP, CL, EH, JQ

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 18, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable John Kuempel, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1284** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman lineman.), **As Introduced**

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