ACT 76

S.B. NO. 1778

A Bill for an Act Relating to Electricians.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 448E-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[[]§448E-8.5[]] Continued competency; license renewals. [Effective July 1, 1996, all journey worker electricians, journey worker industrial electricians, journey worker specialty electricians, supervising electricians, supervising industrial electricians, and supervising specialty electricians [a] All licensed electricians except the maintenance electricians licensed by the board [prior to June 30, 1996, shall furnish] prior to each license renewal shall:

(1) Furnish the board with proof of attendance at an educational course related to current updates of the National Electrical Code conducted by the community colleges, [prior to each license renewal, and all such electricians licensed by the board after June 30, 1996, shall successfully] or

(2) Successfully complete an examination prescribed by the board on current updates to the National Electrical Code [prior to each license renewal]. The board shall contract with a professional testing agency to prepare, administer, and grade the examination. Fees related to the examination shall be paid by the licensee directly to the

[[]professional[]] testing agency.

(b) A licensee who has been issued a new license within one year of the renewal date shall not be required to take the course or the examination to renew the licensee's license."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 23, 1997.)