

ACT 127

H.B. NO. 1824

A Bill for an Act Relating to Electricians and Plumbers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 448E-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§448E-8 Fees; renewals. (a) Renewal fees shall be paid to the board before July 1.

(b) Plumbers shall renew the license [each even-numbered year.] every three years effective June 30, 2006 and shall pay all required fees. Prior to the June 30, 2009 renewal of the license, and prior to every license renewal thereafter, the applicant shall:

- (1) Pay all required fees; and
- (2) Meet the requirements prescribed in section 448E-8.5.

(c) Electricians shall renew the license every three years effective with the July 1, 1996, renewal; provided that prior to the renewal of the license the applicant shall [pay]:

- (1) Pay all required fees [prior to the renewal of the license]; and [provided further that the applicant shall meet]
- (2) Meet the requirements prescribed in section 448E-8.5.

(d) Failure, neglect, or refusal of any licensee to [either] pay the renewal fee[;] or [in the case of an electrician to] meet the requirements of section 448E-8.5[;] before the renewal date shall constitute a forfeiture of the license. Any license so forfeited may be restored upon written application within one year from the date of forfeiture, upon payment of the required renewal fee plus penalty fees[;] and [for electricians,] upon meeting the requirements in section 448E-8.5.’’

SECTION 2. Section 448E-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§448E-8.5 Continued competency; license renewals. (a) [All] Prior to each license renewal, all licensed electricians except [the] maintenance electricians [licensed by the board 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 or approved by the community colleges[;] or
- (2) Successfully complete an examination prescribed by the board on current updates to the National Electrical Code. 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) Prior to each license renewal, all licensed plumbers shall:

- (1) Furnish the board with proof of attendance at an educational course related to current updates of the Uniform Plumbing Code conducted or approved by the community colleges; or
- (2) Successfully complete an examination prescribed by the board on current updates to the Uniform Plumbing Code. The board shall contract with a professional testing agency to prepare, administer, and grade the examination. A licensee shall pay all fees related to the examination directly to the professional testing agency.

[(b)] (c) 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 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2004.

(Approved June 16, 2004.)