

ACT 28

S.B. NO. 2325

A Bill for an Act Relating to Contractors.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homeowners, inspectors, and government agencies have difficulty identifying the number of licensed tradespersons performing electrical and plumbing work on construction job sites. Further, it may be difficult to determine whether the ratio of licensed to unlicensed tradesmen performing electrical and plumbing work on construction job sites complies with the requirements of state law.

The purpose of this Act is to provide for the identification of licensed electricians and plumbers and the enforcement of licensing requirements on construction job sites to protect public safety and comply with state law.

SECTION 2. Section 444-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§444-9.5 Licensing of electrical or plumbing workers. (a) At least half of all individuals performing electrical or plumbing work employed on a construction job site by an electrical or plumbing contractor shall be licensed in accordance with chapter 448E. The board may waive this requirement in any county when there are insufficient licensed electrical or plumbing workers in that county to comply ~~herewith.~~ with this section.

(b) All individuals employed on a construction job site by an electrical or plumbing contractor who are licensed in accordance with chapter 448E shall visibly display their license on their person while on the construction job site. Only individuals displaying their license at the time of a site inspection shall be counted as a licensee to determine compliance with this section.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 16, 2010.)