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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

A bill for an act

relating to licensing of electricians; modifying education requirements for power limited technicians; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 326B.33, subdivision 7.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 326B.33, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Power limited technician.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, no individual shall install, alter, repair, plan, lay out, or supervise the installing, altering, repairing, planning, or laying out of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for technology circuits or systems unless:

(1) the individual is licensed by the commissioner as a power limited technician; and

(2) the electrical work is:

(i) for a licensed contractor and the individual is an employee, partner, or officer of, or is the licensed contractor; or

(ii) performed under the direct supervision of a master electrician or power limited technician also employed by the individual's employer on technology circuits, systems, apparatus, equipment, or facilities that are owned or leased by the employer and that are located within the limits of property operated, maintained, and either owned or leased by the employer.

(b) An applicant for a power limited technician's license shall (1) be a graduate of a four-year electrical course offered by an accredited college or university; ~~or~~ (2) have had at least 36 months' experience, acceptable to the commissioner, in planning for, laying out, supervising, installing, altering, and repairing wiring, apparatus, or equipment for power limited systems, provided however, that up to 12 months (2,000 hours) of experience

credit for successful completion of a two-year post high school electrical course or other technical training approved by the commissioner may be allowed; or (3) have successfully completed a training course offered by a licensed provider of direct satellite services as defined under section 297A.61, subdivision 27, and approved by the commissioner.

(c) Licensees must attain 16 hours of continuing education acceptable to the board every renewal period.

(d) A company holding an alarm and communication license as of June 30, 2003, may designate one individual who may obtain a power limited technician license without passing an examination administered by the commissioner by submitting an application and license fee of $30.

(e) A person who has submitted an application by December 30, 2007, to take the power limited technician examination administered by the department is not required to meet the qualifications set forth in paragraph (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2010.