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**SSB 5320** - S AMD **63**

By Senator Saldaña

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On page 6, after line 21, insert the following:

**"Sec.**  RCW 19.28.195 and 2018 c 249 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) ((~~The~~)) Until July 1, 2026, notwithstanding RCW 19.28.161(2)(a)(i) and 19.28.191(1)(c)(i), the department ((~~may~~)) shall permit ((~~an applicant who obtained experience and training equivalent to a journey level apprenticeship program to take the examination if the applicant establishes that the applicant has the equivalent training and experience and demonstrates good cause for not completing the required minimum hours of work under standards applicable on July 1, 2023~~)):

(a) A person issued an electrical training certificate to work to gain the experience required to qualify for the journey level electrician certification examination without registering in an apprenticeship program approved under chapter 49.04 RCW or equivalent out-of-state apprenticeship program if before July 1, 2023, the trainee has:

(i) 3,000 hours of lawful experience worked in the electrical construction trade regulated under this chapter; or

(ii) Completed a two-year training school program pursuant to RCW 19.28.191(1)(e).

(b) Electrical trainees described in (a) of this subsection to qualify for the journey level electrician certification examination without completing the work and education requirements of an apprenticeship approved under chapter 49.04 RCW or completing an equivalent out-of-state apprenticeship program. To be eligible to take the examination for a journey level certificate of competency, the applicant must demonstrate 8,000 hours of lawful experience working in the electrical construction trade regulated under this chapter. Four thousand of the hours must be new industrial or commercial electrical installations.

(2) This section expires July 1, ((~~2025~~)) 2026."

Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

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On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "19.28.191" insert "and 19.28.195; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date"

EFFECT: Requires, until July 1, 2026, L&I to permit electrical trainees to work to gain the experience required to qualify for the journey level electrician certification examination without registering in an apprenticeship program if the trainee has 3,000 hours of experience in the electrical construction trade or has completed a two-year training school program in the electrical construction trade. Requires L&I to permit these trainees to qualify for the journey level electrical examination if the applicant demonstrates 8,000 hours of experience in the electrical construction trade, 4,000 of which must be new industrial or commercial electrical installations.

Removes the provision allowing L&I to permit an applicant who obtained experience and training equivalent to a journey level apprenticeship program to take the examination if the applicant had good cause for not completing the minimum hours of work.