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By Senate Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senators Lias, J. Wilson, Lovick, Saldaña, Pedersen, Stanford, and Valdez)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the installation of transportation
2 electrification infrastructure; amending RCW 19.28.211; adding a new
3 section to chapter 19.28 RCW; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.28
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to department issued licenses and certifications
8 required under this chapter and notwithstanding RCW 19.28.211(4),
9 installation of electric vehicle supply equipment at state-owned
10 facilities must be performed by persons certified by the electric
11 vehicle infrastructure training program or a similar nationally
12 recognized program to ensure safety, effectiveness, and achieve
13 consistency in installation standards.

14 (2) This section does not apply to apprentices meeting the
15 criteria of RCW 19.28.161(2)(a)(i) when the supervising journey level
16 electrician is certified by the electric vehicle infrastructure
17 training program or a similar nationally recognized program.

18 (3) This section does not apply to installations under contract
19 before the effective date.

20 (4) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this
21 act.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.28.211 and 2013 c 23 s 33 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The department shall issue a certificate of competency to all
4 applicants who have passed the examination provided in RCW 19.28.201,
5 met the in-class education requirements of RCW 19.28.205 if
6 applicable, and who have complied with RCW 19.28.161 through
7 19.28.271 and the rules adopted under this chapter. The certificate
8 may include a photograph of the holder. The certificate shall bear
9 the date of issuance, and shall expire on the holder's birthday. The
10 certificate shall be renewed every three years, upon application, on
11 or before the holder's birthdate. A fee shall be assessed for each
12 certificate and for each annual renewal.

13 (2) If the certificate holder demonstrates to the department that
14 he or she has satisfactorily completed an annual eight-hour
15 continuing education course, the certificate may be renewed without
16 examination by appropriate application unless the certificate has
17 been revoked, suspended, or not renewed within ninety days after the
18 expiration date. For pump and irrigation or domestic pump specialty
19 electricians, the continuing education course may combine both
20 electrical and plumbing education provided that there is a minimum of
21 four hours of electrical training in the course.

22 (a) The contents and requirements for satisfactory completion of
23 the continuing education course shall be determined by the director
24 and approved by the board.

25 (b) The department shall accept proof of a certificate holder's
26 satisfactory completion of a continuing education course offered in
27 another state as meeting the requirements for maintaining a current
28 Washington state certificate of competency if the department is
29 satisfied the course is comparable in nature to that required in
30 Washington state for maintaining a current certificate of competency.

31 (3) If the certificate is not renewed before the expiration date,
32 the individual shall pay twice the usual fee. The department shall
33 set the fees by rule for issuance and renewal of a certificate of
34 competency. The fees shall cover but not exceed the costs of issuing
35 the certificates and of administering and enforcing the electrician
36 certification requirements of this chapter.

37 (4) ~~((The))~~ (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the
38 certificates of competency and temporary permits provided for in this
39 chapter grant the holder the right to work in the electrical
40 construction trade as a master electrician, journey level

1 electrician, or specialty electrician in accordance with their
2 provisions throughout the state and within any of its political
3 subdivisions without additional proof of competency or any other
4 license, permit, or fee to engage in such work.

5 (b) Persons performing installation and maintenance work as
6 provided in section 1 of this act must also meet the certification
7 requirements of section 1 of this act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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