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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §29-3B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to exempting from licensure as an electrician a person who installs low voltage electrical
3 wiring.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3B. SUPERVISION OF ELECTRICIANS.

§29-3B-3. Exemptions; nonapplicability of license requirements; legislative rules for limited reciprocity.

1 (a) This article does not apply to and no license may be required for: (1) A person, or their
2 immediate family, who performs electrical work with respect to any property owned or leased by
3 that person; (2) a person who performs electrical work at any manufacturing plant or other
4 industrial establishment as an employee of the person, firm or corporation operating the plant or
5 establishment; (3) a person who performs electrical work while employed by an employer who
6 engages in the business of selling appliances at retail, so long as such electrical work is performed
7 incident to the installation or repair of appliances sold by the employer; (4) a person who, while
8 employed by a public utility or its affiliate, performs electrical work in connection with the furnishing
9 of public utility service; ~~or~~ (5) any government employee performing electrical work on government
10 property; or (6) any person who installs low voltage electrical (Fire and Burglar Alarm
11 Communication Systems) with only low voltage wiring, 80 volts or less, and is not installed in a
12 location considered as hazardous under the National Electrical Code.

13 (b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, a journeyman or
14 master electrician license may be issued for a person who is a former resident of this state, who
15 formerly held an electrician's license issued by this state, who has obtained an equivalent
16 electrician license from another state, and who returns to this state as a permanent resident,
17 without requiring the person to meet the application or examination requirements that would
18 otherwise be imposed on the person by the requirements of this article when the issuance of the
19 license is permitted by legislative rules promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

20 (2) The State Fire Marshal shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with
21 the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to provide for the licensing of
22 electricians with equivalent qualifications described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.
23 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, the legislative rules described in
24 this subsection may not be filed as emergency rules.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt from licensure as an electrician a person who only installs low voltage wiring.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.