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Cities and Towns.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section three hundred sixty-eight point twenty-four (368.24), Code 1946, relating to general powers of cities and towns.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section three hundred sixty-eight point twenty-four
2 (368.24), Code 1946, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the word "power" and before the word "to" in line two (2)
4 of said section, the following: " to regulate and license
5 electricians and to create a Board of Examiners to determine
6 the qualifications thereof." Further amend said section
7 as follows:

8 Examiners. In such cities and towns the
9 council shall appoint a board of examiners, one of whom
10 shall be a practicing journeyman electrician, one a practicing master
11 electrician, and one shall be the city electrical inspector,
12 who shall act as chairman of the board; the chairman and one
13 other member shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
14 of business.

1 Sec. 2. Board—when not necessary. If there is no
2 resident journeyman electrician or master electrician in

3 the city, the council shall not be required to appoint a
4 board of examiners, and every city not having a board of
5 examiners may require any person engaged as a journeyman
6 electrician or master electrician to have a certificate or
7 license from some examining board within the states.

1 Sec. 3. Expenses—Compensation. The council shall
2 provide suitable rooms in which the board of examiners
3 may hold its meetings, and shall provide for the payment
4 of the necessary incidental expenses incurred by the board
5 and may also provide a per diem compensation for the members
6 of said board not exceeding ten dollars per day for the
7 time actually spent in performing their duties.

1 Sec. 4. Examination—License—fee. The board shall
2 when so directed by the council, and under such rules as
3 the council shall prescribe, hold examinations of applicants
4 for licenses to do business as a master electrician or to
5 work as a journey-man electrician, and if satisfied as to the
6 competency of the applicant shall issue to such electrician
7 a license. The amount of the fee for such examination shall
8 not exceed ten dollars for a master electrician, and shall
9 not exceed five dollars for a journey-man electrician.
10 The license fee for a journey-man electrician shall not
11 exceed five dollars; the fee for the renewal of a journey-man
12 electrician's license shall not exceed five dollars. The
13 license fee for a master electrician shall not exceed ten
14 dollars; the fee for the renewal of a master electrician's

15 license shall not exceed ten dollars.

1 Sec. 5. Term of license. An electrician's license
2 shall be valid for a period of one year and may be renewed
3 from year to year upon payment of renewal fee. Such license
4 shall not be transferable and shall expire on the thirtyfirst
5 day of December of each year. Any license may be revoked by
6 a board of examiners for repeated violations of ordinances
7 pertaining to the installation, maintenance and repair of
8 electrical appliances, equipment, fixtures and wiring.

1 Sec. 6. Surety Bond. Cities and towns may require
2 a master electrician to furnish and maintain in force a
3 surety bond to protect the city or town and keep it
4 blameless from any liability incurred as a result of
5 said master electrician's work.

1 Sec. 7. Definition of terms. The term "Journeyman
2 Electrician" shall mean any person who works with tools
3 and actually installs, maintains, services or repairs
4 any electrical work which is subject to official inspection,
5 by law, ordinance or rule. He shall work only for or
6 under the supervision of a licensed "Master Electrician".
7 The term "Master Electrician" shall mean any person who
8 is qualified to supervise, design or lay-out the work,
9 and who shall be directly responsible for properly in-
10 stalling, repairing or servicing the work so that it will
11 comply with all laws, ordinances or rules pertaining to
12 same, on any work which requires official inspection by

13 law, ordinance or rule. He shall be authorized to do
14 business as an electrical contractor or act as supervisor
15 for an electrical contracting firm or for the installation,
16 maintenance, servicing or repair of any electrical work
17 which is subject to official inspection; or to act as
18 supervisor for any firm which maintains their own electrical
19 department for the installation or maintenance of any
20 electrical work on their own premises and which is subject
21 to official inspection.

1 Sec. 8. Injunction. Any person engaged in any electrical
2 work for which a license is required, without such license
3 may be restrained by injunction.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 475

This bill will give cities and towns the authority to license electricians.