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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTRICIANS

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, and McCaffrey

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 11, 2015

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5-6-32 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-6 entitled "Electricians" is hereby amended to read as follows:

5-6-32. Authority of director to assess penalty. -- (a) The director may assess an administrative penalty on any person, firm, or corporation for any violation of the provisions of this chapter, after notice and a hearing, before and upon the recommendation of the board of examiners of electricians in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the first violation and nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a subsequent violation for any subsequent violation within one year of the first violation. All funds collected by the labor and training department under this section shall be placed in the restricted receipts account created pursuant to section 28-22-1.1. This section is in addition to any other action provided by law for violations of this chapter.

(b) The chief of the section shall act as an investigator with respect to the enforcement of all the provisions of law relative to the licensing of electricians and, to this effect, whenever a complaint is made by the chief of the section to the director of the department of labor and training or his or her designee that the provisions of this chapter are being violated, the director of the department of labor and training or his or her designee may issue an order to cease and desist from that violation and may impose the above penalties against the violator and against the contractor.

1	SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would increase the administrative penalties for violations determined by the board of examiners of electricians.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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