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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 04, 2020

Referred To: Senate Labor

(University of Rhode Island)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-6 of the General Laws entitled "Electricians" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-6-10.3. Limited premises certificate/license -- Certificate PC.**

4 (a) A Certificate PC shall be issued to public institutions of higher education that regularly
5 employ one or more Class B journeyman electricians when the work performed by those
6 individuals is limited to the replacement, retrofit, upgrade, maintenance, repair and/or minor
7 alteration of electrical wiring, branch circuit devices, appliances, and equipment on the premises
8 owned or occupied by the applicant. The Certificate PC application must be submitted to the
9 division of professional regulation and made by a responsible officer of the institution or firm
10 submitting the application and contain a description of the premises within which work is to be
11 done under the permit. All work must meet electrical and municipal codes and must be permitted
12 accordingly by the municipality or appropriate state authority.

13 (b) The scope and size of any work performed under a Certificate PC shall be limited to:

14 (1) For any project involving a single classroom or single laboratory, work performed shall
15 not exceed two thousand (2,000) square feet;

16 (2) For all other projects, work performed shall not exceed one thousand two hundred fifty
17 (1,250) square feet;

18 (3) In no event may a project within a single building or series of buildings, when the
19 project spans multiple locations, be broken into smaller phases to satisfy the square foot limitations

1 as set forth in this section.

2 (4) In no event shall any work be performed pursuant to a Certificate PC in any space which
3 is under construction. For purposes of this section "under construction" means any room or space
4 which has been demolished or gutted.

5 (c) For purposes of this section, minor alterations shall include new installation of
6 individual branch circuits within sight or within fifty feet (50').

7 (d) For purposes of this section, all work performed under a PC Certificate in compliance
8 with this section, shall not be deemed or considered an "installation."

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide for a limited electrician license to be issued to institutions of higher
- 2 learning to allow for Class B journeyman electricians to perform minor repair and wiring.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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