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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 26, 2021

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 educations 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 application must be made by a responsible officer of the
9 firm and contain a description of the premises within which work is to be done under the permit.
10 All work must meet electrical and municipal codes and must be permitted accordingly by the
11 municipality or appropriate state authority.

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

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

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

17 (3) In no event may a project within a single building or series of buildings, when the
18 project spans multiple locations, be broken into smaller phases to satisfy the square foot limitations
19 as set forth in this section; and

1 (4) In no event shall any work be performed pursuant to a Certificate PC in any space under
2 construction, which shall mean any room or space which has been demolished or gutted.

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

5 (d) For purposes of this chapter, all work performed under a Certificate PC pursuant to the
6 terms enumerated herein, shall not be deemed or considered as installation.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would create a Certificate PC allowing public institutions of higher learning to
2 employ Class B journeyman electricians to perform minor electrical work on their premises
3 under an approved permit.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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