

## ELECTRICIANS AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes miscellaneous amendments to the Electricians Act 1952.

*Clause 1* relates to the Short Title.

*Clause 2* amends section 2 of the principal Act by substituting a new definition of the term "improver". The amendment extends the class of improvers to include those persons who have completed a term of apprenticeship during the previous  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years, and who have passed such portion, and attempted such other portion, of the prescribed examination for registration as an electrician or radio serviceman as the Electricians Registration Board may from time to time approve.

*Clause 3* inserts a new section in the principal Act to enable deputies to act in the place of members of the Board in certain circumstances.

*Clause 4* removes from the qualifications for registration as an electrician, electrical mechanic, radio serviceman, or radio mechanic the necessity of 4 years' experience. The qualifications remaining are completion of apprenticeship, satisfactory experience, and passing of examinations.

*Clause 5* provides that, for limited registration, completion of an approved apprenticeship in the work of servicing electrical apparatus and experience satisfactory to the Board is an alternative qualification to 3 years' such experience.

*Clause 6* is a metrication amendment regarding the size of lettering of certain notices.

*Clause 7* is a minor drafting amendment consequential upon an alteration made by the Electricians Amendment Act 1969.

*Hon. Mr Bailey*

## ELECTRICIANS AMENDMENT

### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### An Act to amend the Electricians Act 1952

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,  
5 as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Electricians Amendment Act 1975, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electricians Act 1952\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

\*1957 Reprint, Vol. 4, p. 541

Amendments: 1960, No. 60; 1963, No. 86; 1966, No. 32; 1967, No. 73; 1969, No. 10

**2. Interpretation**—(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the definition of the term “improver” (as amended by section 2 (a) of the Electricians Amendment Act 1969), and substituting the following definition: 5

“‘Improver’ means a person who has completed a term of apprenticeship to the electrical wiring trade or to the radio trade at any time during the previous 2 years 6 months and who has passed such portion, and attempted such other portion, of the prescribed examination for registration as an electrician or radio serviceman as the Board may from time to time approve.” 10

(2) The Electricians Amendment Act 1969 is hereby sequentially amended by repealing section 2 (a). 15

**3. Deputies of members**—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 4, the following section:

“4A. (1) The Minister may from time to time appoint a deputy to act for a member in any case in which the member is incapacitated by illness or absence or from other sufficient cause from performing the duties of his office. 20

“(2) Any deputy appointed under this section shall have the same qualifications and be recommended by the same body as the member for whom he is to be deputy. 25

“(3) A deputy may be appointed under this section notwithstanding that the occasion for him to act as deputy has not arisen.

“(4) If the Registrar is satisfied that any member is incapacitated from performing the duties of his office as aforesaid, he shall notify the deputy of that member and thereupon the deputy shall be deemed to be a member of the Board and shall be deemed to remain a member while he acts for an incapacitated member. 30

“(5) A deputy appointed to act for the Chairman shall not be deemed to be Chairman by virtue of the fact that he is acting as deputy of the Chairman. 35

“(6) No acts done by a deputy as such and no acts done by the Board while any deputy is acting as such, shall be questioned in any proceedings on the ground that the occasion for his acting as a deputy had not arisen or had ceased.” 40

4. **Qualifications for registration as electrician, electrical mechanic, radio serviceman, or radio mechanic**—Sections 11A (a), 11B (a), 11C (a), and 11D (a) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 5 of the Electricians Amendment Act 1969) are hereby amended by omitting in each case the words “has had not less than 4 years’ experience satisfactory to the Board or”.

5. **Qualifications for limited registration**—Section 11E of the principal Act (as inserted by section 5 of the Electricians Amendment Act 1969) is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) That either—

“(i) He has completed an approved apprenticeship in the work of servicing electrical apparatus and has had experience satisfactory to the Board; or

“(ii) He has had not less than 3 years’ experience satisfactory to the Board in the work of servicing electrical apparatus; and”.

6. **Restrictions on doing electrical wiring work**—Section 19 (5) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “half an inch”, and substituting the expression “1 centimetre”.

7. **Persons who may assist in doing electrical wiring work**—Section 21 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection (2) the words “subsection (2) or subsection (3) of section 11 of this Act”, and substituting the words “section 11c or section 11E of this Act”.