1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)
4	HOUSE BILL 3215 By: West (Kevin) of the House
5	and
6	Daniels of the Senate
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9	AS INTRODUCED
10	An Act relating to professions and occupations;
11	amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1684 and 1688, which relate to the Electrical License Act; establishing
12	maximum grade value and passing score; providing for retaking of exam; establishing time limit for registration contificates, requiring continuing
13	registration certificates; requiring continuing education for renewal of certain licenses; requiring
14	amendment of administrative rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
18	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1684, is
19	amended to read as follows:
20	Section 1684. A. Examinations for licenses as electrical
21	contractors or journeyman electricians shall be uniform and
22	practical in nature for each respective license and shall be
23	sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the
24	applicants for licenses. Examinations shall be in whole or in part

in writing. The Committee shall conduct examinations twice a year
 and at such other times as it deems necessary.

3 Any applicant initially failing to pass the examination Β. 4 shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of 5 thirty (30) days. Any applicant subsequently failing to pass the 6 examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a 7 period of ninety (90) days The maximum grade value of each part of 8 any such examination shall be one hundred (100) points. A passing 9 score shall be seventy percent (70%) or higher on each part. Any 10 applicant failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of thirty (30) days. 11

12SECTION 2.AMENDATORY59 O.S. 2021, Section 1688, is13amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1688. A. No license shall be issued for longer than 15 one (1) year, and all licenses shall expire on the last day in the 16 birth month of the licensee. A license may be renewed upon 17 application and payment of fees thirty (30) days preceding or 18 following the date the license is due. Licenses renewed more than 19 thirty (30) days following the date of expiration may be renewed 20 only upon application and payment of all required fees and payment 21 of any penalty for late renewal established by the Board and upon 22 compliance with any applicable continuing education requirements 23 established by the Board and the Electrical License Act. No penalty 24 for late renewal shall be charged to any holder of a license which

expires while the holder is in military service, if an application
 for renewal is made within one (1) year following the service
 discharge of the holder.

B. No journeyman or contractor license shall be renewed unless
the licensee has completed the required hours of continuing
education, as determined and approved by the Committee of Electrical
Examiners and approved by the Construction Industries Board.

8 C. An apprentice registration certificate or a student intern
9 registration certificate shall be issued for one (1) year, at which
10 time the apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements of
11 the Construction Industries Board and paying the renewal fee <u>An</u>
12 apprentice registration certificate or a student intern registration
13 certificate shall be issued for one (1) year, at which time the

14 apprentice may reregister upon meeting the requirements of the

15 Construction Industries Board and paying the renewal fee.

16 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1688.1 of Title 59, unless there 18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. Effective January 1, 2026, no contractor or journeyman license shall be renewed unless the licensee has completed twelve (12) hours of continuing education every three (3) years or thirtysix (36) months preceding the expiration date of the license or registration certificate. The continuing education course and instructor shall be approved in advance by the Committee of

1 Electrical Examiners. Exceptions to advance approval, or post-2 course approval, may be allowed by the Committee, or its designee, for substitute instructors in emergency situations when written 3 4 notice of the emergency is provided to the Committee or its designee within seven (7) days of the course. The location of continuing 5 6 education courses shall be at the discretion of the course provider 7 and may be scheduled during the workday at the discretion of the 8 course provider. The continuing education material shall cover six 9 (6) hours of codes and revisions adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform 10 Building Code Commission (OUBCC). The remaining six (6) hours may 11 include the study of: electrical circuit theory and calculations, 12 wiring methods, grounding and bonding, transformer and motor theory, 13 electrical circuits and devices, control systems, alternative energy 14 systems including energy storage, safety related to the electrical 15 industry as defined by NFPA 70E, manufacturers' installation of 16 equipment or parts, the Electrical License Act, the trade 17 regulations as set forth in this act as well as the rules of the 18 Construction Industries Board, and other trade subject matters 19 approved by the Committee.

20 2. Effective January 1, 2026, no apprentice shall be permitted
21 to reregister unless the apprentice registrant has completed three
22 (3) hours of continuing education every year preceding the
23 expiration date of the registration certificate. The continuing
24 education course and instructor shall be approved in advance by the

1 Committee. Exceptions to advance approval, or post-course approval, 2 may be allowed by the Committee, or its designee, for substitute instructors in emergency situations when written notice of the 3 4 emergency is provided to the Committee or its designee within seven 5 (7) days of the course. The location of continuing education 6 courses shall be at the discretion of the course provider and may be 7 scheduled during the workday at the discretion of the course provider. The continuing education material shall cover a 8 9 combination of the codes and revisions adopted by the OUBCC, 10 Oklahoma electrical industry regulations as well as the rules of the 11 Construction Industries Board, and "electrical safety" as defined by 12 NFPA 70E, other trade subject matters approved by the Committee, or 13 approved continuing education for the contractor or journeyman. 14 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, if an apprentice 15 is a student apprentice or is enrolled and attending an approved 16 course, the continuing education shall not be required. 17 Β. The Construction Industries Board shall amend its rules,

18 wherever applicable, to conform to the provisions of the Electrical
19 License Act.

20 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024. 21

- 22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, dated 02/19/2024 DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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