HOUSE BILL NO. 401

INTRODUCED BY QUILICI, JACOBSON, HALLIGAN, DRISCOLL

BY REQUEST OF THE STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 22, 1987 ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED TO ALLOW INTRODUCTION OF HB NO. 401.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR.

FEBRUARY 3, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

STATEMENT OF INTENT ADOPTED.

- FEBRUARY 4, 1987 PRINTING REPORT.
- FEBRUARY 5, 1987 SECOND READING, DO PASS.
- FEBRUARY 6, 1987 ENGROSSING REPORT.

THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 92; NOES, 7.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

- FEBRUARY 10, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY.
- MARCH 11, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 16, 1987 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 18, 1987 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.

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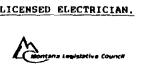
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(3) he has worked in the electrical field for 10 years 12 and is considered by his employer, as shown by a written 13 statement of the employer, to be capable and qualified to 14 take the examination for the license for which he is 15 16 applying."

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(2) The board shall meet quarterly and at such other 22 times it considers necessary. 23

(3) A majority of the members of the board shall 24 constitute a guorum for transaction of business. 25

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(4) The board may:

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2 (a) adopt rules for the administration of this chapter, and for the licensing of electrical contractors, 3 and for continuing education, and for the examination and 4 licensing of master and journeymen electricians; 5 (b) adopt a seal; 6 (c) cause the prosecution and enjoinder of persons 7

violating this chapter." 8

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Extension of authority. Any 9 existing authority of the state electrical board to make 10 rules on the subject of the provisions of this act is 11 12 extended to the provisions of this act.

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