

1 HOUSE BILL NO 243
2 INTRODUCED BY Menahan

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5 STATE LICENSE WITHOUT EXAMINATION WITHIN 1 YEAR OF THE LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE UPON
6 PAYMENT OF RENEWAL AND DELINQUENCY FEES; PROVIDING FOR NONAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN
7 LAPSED LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 37-68-310, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
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29 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

30 -END-



STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0243, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act allowing licensed electricians to renew a lapsed state license without examination within 1 year of the license expiration date upon payment of renewal and delinquency fees.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. There are approximately 492 lapsed master and journeymen electrician licenses that could be reinstated. It is projected that 20 lapsed licensees will request reinstatement.
2. A delinquency fee will be established by administrative rule.
3. Operating expenses will be minimal in FY96 and can be covered by the authority included in the Executive Budget present law base recommendation.
4. State special revenue is projected to increase by \$1,700 in FY96 only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Revenues:

	<u>FY96</u>	<u>FY97</u>
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Delinquency Fees		
POL SSR (02)	1,700	0

TECHNICAL NOTES:

The removal of Section 2, Grandfather clause, would mean no fiscal impact during the 1997 biennium.

David Lewis 1-24-95

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