

1 AN ACT relating to natural resources.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 351.109 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) An individual is a qualified and certified person, within the meaning of this chapter,
5 to perform electrical work, other than work on energized surface, high voltage lines,
6 if he *or she* has at least one (1) year of experience under direct supervision of a
7 qualified electrician in performing electrical work underground in a coal mine, in
8 the surface work areas of an underground coal mine, in a surface coal mine, in a
9 noncoal mine, in the mine equipment manufacturing industry, or in any other
10 industry using or manufacturing similar equipment, and he *or she* attains a
11 satisfactory grade on each of the series of written tests administered by the
12 department and required in subsection (2) of this section.

13 (2) The series of written tests shall include, but not be limited to, the following
14 subjects:

- 15 (a) Direct current theory and application;
16 (b) Alternating current theory and application;
17 (c) Electric equipment and circuits;
18 (d) Permissibility of electric equipment;
19 (e) Requirements of both federal and state laws; and
20 (f) Pertinent sections of the National Electrical Code.

21 (3) A score of at least eighty (80) percent on each of the written tests shall be deemed to
22 be a satisfactory grade. Recognition shall be given to practical experience in that
23 one (1) percentage point shall be added to an individual's score in each test for each
24 additional year of experience beyond the one (1) year minimum requirement
25 specified in subsection (1) of this section; however, in no case shall an individual be
26 given more than five (5) percentage points for ~~such~~ practical experience.

27 (4) An individual may, within thirty (30) days from the date on which he *or she*

1 received notification of test scores from the department~~[of his test scores]~~, repeat
2 those sections on which he or she received an unsatisfactory score. If further
3 retesting is necessary after this initial repetition, a minimum of thirty (30) days from
4 the date of receipt of notification of the initial retest scores shall elapse prior to~~f~~
5 ~~such~~ further retesting, whereupon the entire series of written tests shall be retaken.

6 (5) An individual qualified and certified in accordance with this section shall, in order
7 to retain qualification and certification, satisfactorily complete annually a retraining
8 program approved by the department.