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To Whom It May Concern,

This is a brief synopsis of the Laws and Regulations governing the Electrical Division of the Department of Housing Buildings and Construction. The Division licenses Electrical Contractors, Master Electricians, and Electricians under the authority of 227A.010 through 227A .140. Contractors must have at least one Master in their employment to pull Permits. Anything within the NEC according to KRS 198B.060 (10) must have a permit obtained before construction can begin.

Licensure is not required under certain conditions and scope of work specifically as it pertains to maintenance. *227A.030 (2) Nothing in KRS227A.010 to KRS198B.140 shall require a maintenance worker or maintenance engineer performing routine maintenance or electrical systems be licensed.*

Routine Maintenance is defined as in 227A.010 (11) is the routine and periodic servicing of electrical systems, including cleaning, inspecting, and making adjustments to ensure the proper operation and the removal or replacement of component parts. "Routine maintenance of electrical systems" does not include the installation of complete electrical systems.

Complete electrical systems must be permitted and inspected by the appropriate Authority Having Jurisdiction.

This is just a brief description of the Regulations the Electrical Division is responsible for if there is anything else needed please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

David Honeycutt, Electrical Director



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227A.020 Prohibitions -- Local licensing programs.

- (1) A person who is not licensed as an electrical contractor shall not represent himself or herself to the public as an electrical contractor or use any terms, titles, or abbreviations which express or imply that the person is a licensed electrical contractor.
- (2) A person who is not licensed as a master electrician shall not represent himself or herself to the public as a master electrician or use any terms, titles, or abbreviations which express or imply that the person is a licensed master electrician.
- (3) A person who is not licensed as an electrician shall not represent himself or herself to the public as an electrician or use any terms, titles, or abbreviations which express or imply that the person is a licensed electrician.
- (4) A person who is not licensed as an electrical contractor, electrician, or master electrician shall not engage in any activities or perform any of the duties usually performed by an electrical contractor, electrician, or master electrician unless the unlicensed person is under the direct supervision of a licensed electrician or master electrician who is present on the site where the work is being performed.
- (5) An authorized local licensing program in existence on June 24, 2003, may contract with the department to become an agent of the department for purposes of the issuance and renewal of licenses issued pursuant to KRS 227A.010 to 227A.140. The department may also contract with local governments that want to become authorized licensing programs.
- (6) KRS 227A.010 to 227A.140 shall supersede all ordinances or regulations regulating electricians, master electricians, and electrical contractors of any city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government. This provision shall not affect city, county, urban-county, charter county, or consolidated local government regulations relating to zoning requirements or occupational payroll taxes pertaining to electricians, master electricians, and electrical contractors.

Effective: July 15, 2010

History: Amended 2010 Ky. Acts ch. 24, sec. 430, effective July 15, 2010. -- Created 2003 Ky. Acts ch. 119, sec. 2, effective June 24, 2003.

227A.130 Penalties for violation of KRS 227A.020.

Any person who violates or aids in the violation of any provision of KRS 227A.020 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or sentenced to jail for not less than ten (10) nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days, or both.

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