

**Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary**

BILL NUMBER: H429

TITLE: An Act regarding requirements for continuing education for electricians

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PRIOR HISTORY

(2019-2020): HD4163 - Referred to the committee on Joint Rules; referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure; No action taken (Senate).

(2021-2022): H426 - Accompanied a study order, see H4880.

(2023-2024): H358 - Accompanied a study order, see H4680.

CURRENT LAW

Chapter 141 of the Massachusetts General Laws governs the supervision of electricians.

Section 32 of Chapter 166 governs the appointment, qualifications, and powers and duties of municipal wiring inspectors.

SUMMARY

This legislation seeks to impose additional education requirements on licensed electricians, local wiring inspectors, inspectors and investigators employed by the division of (occupational) licensure, and members of the board of state examiners of electricians. These requirements would include 21 hours of continuing education every three years as a condition of renewing licensure; with dedicated hours in specific areas of study approved by the board, other areas chosen by the licensee for professional development, and additional hours in MA electrical code amendments in the case of such inspectors and investigators. The board may consider written requests for extensions or exemptions in the case of illness or disability, instructor hours, and in certain journeyman or systems technician license situations. Documentation of completed hours shall be submitted to the board.