



CHAPTER 70

An Act to amend Chapter 178 of the Revised Statutes, 1925

[Assented to, the 29th of March, 1933]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. The title of chapter 178 of the Revised Statutes, R. S., c. 178, 1925, as enacted by the act 18 George V, chapter 62, is ^{title re-}placed.

“AN ACT RESPECTING ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS”

2. Section 1 of chapter 178 of the Revised Statutes, Id., s. 1, am. 1925, is amended by replacing the words: “*Public Fire Protection Act*”, in the first and second lines thereof, by the words: “*Electricians’ and Electrical Installation Act*”.

3. Section 2 of the said act, as amended by the act 21 Id., s. 2, am. George V, chapter 19, section 22, is again amended:

a. By replacing the words: “and museums”, in the thirteenth line of paragraph 1 thereof, by the words: “, museums, industrial establishments, transformer rooms and vaults and the installation of transformers on posts or other supports provided that such transformers be situate on private property”;

b. By replacing paragraph 3 thereof by the following:

“3. The words “electrical installations” mean and include: all installations for electric lighting, electric heating or electric power, the installation of lightning rods, including, in every instance, wires, cables, conduits, accessories, electrical appliances and apparatus forming part of “Electrical installations”;

the installation itself, being attached thereto or used for connecting the installation with the public or the municipal service system supplying it, which connecting point shall be on the wall of the building or construction nearest to the public service line;"

c. By replacing the words: "an employer's", in the fifth line of paragraph 6 thereof, by the words: "a contracting electrician's";

d. By replacing paragraph 10 thereof by the following:
 "10. The words "apartment house" mean a house in which six families or more may reside, having the entrance, corridors, passages and stairs in common;"

"Apartment house".

R. S., c. 178, Div. II, title am. **4.** The title of Division II of the said act is amended by striking out the words: "AND HEATING SYSTEM".

Id., s. 3, replaced. Approval of plans.

5. Section 3 of the said act is replaced by the following:

"**3.** From and after the 29th of March, 1933, all the plans of new electrical installations or of any change in an existing electrical installation, in public buildings, must be submitted to the board of examining electricians and approved by one of the examiners before the work is begun.

Provisional approval.

The board of examining electricians may grant provisional approval in order to facilitate the calling for tenders; such provisional approval shall be given free of charge but shall not constitute a final acceptance of the electrical installation.

Where plans not required.

Plans shall not be required in the case of an installation effected in school houses situated outside of a city or town, when the janitor or the teachers do not lodge therein."

R. S., c. 178, s. 4, replaced.

6. Section 4 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Permit.

"**4.** From and after the 29th of March, 1933, every person, company, association or corporation wishing to do electrical installation work, whether as additions to or changes in an existing electrical installation or a new electrical installation, must obtain, before commencing the work, a permit from the board of examiners; no permit may be issued except to a holder of the license "A" or "B", applying therefor.

Issuing restricted.

Posting up.

Such permit must be posted up where the work is being carried on, in a visible and accessible place."

R. S., c. 178, s. 5, replaced. License.

7. Section 5 of the said act is replaced by the following:

"**5.** Except in the cases hereinafter provided for, every person, company, association or corporation who or which,

after the 29th of March, 1933, carries on electrical installation work, as a contracting electrician or as a journeyman electrician, must, under the penalties hereinafter enacted, first obtain a license from the board of examining electricians, according to law."

8. Section 6 of the said act is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 178,

"6. Public service companies or municipal services shall not connect with their systems any electrical installation unless such electrical installation has been inspected and approved by the board of examining electricians and a certificate of acceptance and an order to connect have been issued by one of the examiners." s. 6, replaced. Inspection and approval of certain works.

9. Section 7 of the said act is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 178,

"7. Every electrical installation must be inspected by one of the inspector-electricians of the board of examiners who shall give in duplicate to the contracting electrician a certificate of acceptance if the installation complies with the requirements of this act and of the regulations which may be made thereunder." s. 7, replaced. Certificate after inspection.

10. Section 8 of the said act is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 178,

"8. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe the conditions under which the licenses provided for by section 21 and the certificates provided for by section 7 of this act shall be issued, as well as their duration and the fees to be exacted and fix the fees for inspection." s. 8, replaced. Conditions of issue of license, etc., fixed by Lt.-Gov. in C.

11. Section 9 of the said act is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 178,

"9. The examiners may, with the approval of the Minister, declare any existing electrical installation in public buildings, or in any constructions, to be defective, and may order the necessary alterations to be made therein, and every person, company, association or corporation, failing to comply with the said examiners' orders to that effect, shall be liable to the penalties provided by section 34 of this act. Public service companies or municipal services shall, upon an order of the examiners, sever the connection with any electrical installation declared to be defective." s. 9, replaced. Alterations to be made to defective installation.

12. Section 10 of the said act is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 178,

Powers of
Lt.-Gov.
in C.
Prescribe
materials,
etc.;
Prohibit
trading,
etc., in
materials,
etc.

"10. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may:

a. Prescribe the materials and electrical accessories and apparatus which may be used in electrical installation work in the Province;

b. Prohibit the trading in, selling, using or otherwise disposing of materials, accessories, appliances, wires, cables and apparatus for electric lighting, motive power or heating, which have not been approved for the purposes of electrical installations."

R. S., c. 178,
s. 12, am.

13. Section 12 of the said act is amended by replacing the words: "electrical apparatus", in the third line thereof, by the words: "motors and dynamos".

Id., s. 13,
replaced.

14. Section 13 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Annual
inspection.

"13. The electrical installations of public buildings must be inspected annually."

R. S., c. 178,
s. 15, am.

15. Section 15 of the said act is amended:

a. By replacing the word: "Any", in the first line thereof, by the words: "Any inspector appointed under this act as well as any";

b. By inserting therein, after the word: "which," in the sixth line thereof, the words: "the said inspector or".

Id., ss. 18a-
18c, added.

16. The said act is amended by inserting therein, after section 18 thereof, the following sections:

Issuing of
certificates,
etc.

"18a. The certificates, permits and licenses provided for under this act shall be issued by the board of examiners in the manner and according to the formalities prescribed.

Appointing
of board of
advisers.

"18b. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint a board of advisers to the board of examining electricians; the said advisers representing the corporations and associations interested in the electrical industry shall have the duty of collaborating with the examining electricians in such manner as it may please the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to establish.

Duties of
same.

Duration,
etc., of ap-
prentice-
ship.

"18c. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may establish the manner and the duration of the apprenticeship preparatory to the obtaining of the licenses provided for by this act."

R. S., c. 178,
s. 19, am.

17. Section 19 of the said act is amended by inserting therein, after the word: "examiner", in the second line of the second paragraph thereof, the words: ", who may be also appointed director of the service,".

18. Section 20 of the said act is amended:

R.S., c. 178,
s. 20, am.

a. By striking out the words: "and heating", in the first line of paragraph 1 thereof.

b. By striking out the words: "as well as the fees for inspection and for issuing permits", in the fifth and sixth lines of the last paragraph thereof.

19. Section 21 of the said act is amended:

Id., s. 21,
am.

a. By adding thereto, after the fifth paragraph thereof, the following paragraph:

"Every holder of such license must attach thereto his own photograph, which shall be of such dimensions as not to cover the printed or written matter on the license.";

Attaching
of own pho-
tograph.

b. By replacing the words: "is specially required to", in the fourth and fifth lines of the seventh paragraph thereof, by the word: "must".

20. Section 26 of the said act is amended by striking out the words: "as well as for the inspection and for issuing permits", in the second and third lines of subsection 5 thereof.

R. S., c. 178,
s. 26, am.

21. Section 28 of the said act is amended by striking out the words: "and a maximum of two hundred dollars", in the fifth and sixth lines thereof.

Id., s. 28,
am.

22. Section 29 of the said act is repealed.

Id., s. 29, re-
pealed.

23. Section 34 of the said act is amended:

Id., s. 34,
am.

a. By inserting therein, after the word: "offence", in the first line of the first paragraph thereof, the words: ", in addition to the costs";

b. By inserting therein, after the word: "offence", in the fifth line of the said first paragraph thereof, the words: ", in addition to the costs";

c. By replacing the first paragraph of paragraph 2 thereof by the following:

"2. Every company, association, corporation or person who or which:";

Company,
etc.;

d. By inserting therein, after sub-paragraph d of the said paragraph 2 thereof, the following sub-paragraphs:

"e. Neglects to post up the permit, as provided by section 4;

Posting;

"f. Neglects or refuses to register with the board of examining electricians, within the thirty days following his entry into service, every apprentice taken into the employ of such company, association, corporation or person; and".

Certain re-
gistration
obligatory.

R. S., c. 178, s. 37, am. **24.** Section 37 of the said act is amended by striking out the words: "of sub-paragraphs *c* and *d* of paragraph 1", in the seventh and eighth lines thereof.

Id., s. 41, am. **25.** Section 41 of the said act is amended by replacing the first paragraph thereof by the following:

Additional inspectors to ensure observance of law. **"41.** In order to ensure the observance of the law and regulations regarding electrical installations, and to ascertain whether the persons contemplated under this act hold the licenses and comply with the law and the regulations, there may be added a number of inspectors duly qualified as journeymen electricians, whose work shall consist in making inspections in all the buildings of the Province, in making the law known to the interested parties and reporting to the examiners whatever infringements they may establish."

R. S., c. 178, s. 46, added. **26.** The said act is amended by adding thereto, after section 45 thereof, the following section:

Restriction. **"46.** The provisions of this act shall not apply to mines governed by the Quebec Mining Act (Chap. 80)."

Application restricted. **27.** The regulations adopted under the Public Fire Protection Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 178), the said act as enacted by the act 18 George V, chapter 62, section 1, shall remain in force notwithstanding the amendments made to the said act by this act, until they be amended, replaced or repealed, in whole or in part, by other regulations authorized by this or any other act.

Certain regulations to remain in force.

Coming into force. **28.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.