



Substitute House Bill No. 5609

Public Act No. 08-59

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM CRANE AND
HOISTING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 29-223a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) No person shall engage in, practice or offer to perform the work of a hoisting equipment operator, except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, who is not the holder of a valid crane operator's license or hoisting equipment operator's license issued by the board. Each licensed hoisting equipment operator shall carry his or her license on his or her person when operating hoisting equipment. No person may engage in, practice or perform the work of a hoisting equipment operator apprentice unless he has obtained a certificate of registration from the board. An apprentice's certificate may be issued for the performance of work of a hoisting equipment operator for the purpose of training, which work may be performed only under the supervision of a licensed hoisting equipment operator.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to: (1) Any person engaged in the occupation of hoisting equipment operator in the state on October 1, 2003, provided such person shall be required to obtain a

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license not later than one year of October 1, 2004, (2) engineers under the jurisdiction of the United States, (3) engineers or operators employed by public utilities or industrial manufacturing plants, [or] (4) any person operating either a bucket truck or a digger derrick designed and used for an electrical generation, electrical transmission, electrical distribution, electrical catenary or electrical signalization project, if such person: (A) Holds a valid limited electrical line contractor or journeyman's license issued pursuant to chapter 393 or any regulation adopted pursuant to said chapter, or (B) has engaged in the installation of electrical line work for more than one thousand hours, or (C) has enrolled in or has graduated from a federally recognized electrical apprenticeship program, or (5) persons engaged in boating, fishing, agriculture or arboriculture.

(c) On or after October 1, 2003, but not later than October 1, 2005, the board shall issue a license for a hoisting equipment operator to any person who provides a notarized statement from the person's employer indicating the dates and duties of employment operating such equipment or proof of ownership and control of a company utilizing such equipment.

Sec. 2. Section 29-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) No person shall engage in, practice or offer to perform the work of a crane operator, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, who is not the holder of a valid license issued by the board. Each licensed crane operator shall carry his license on his person when operating a crane. No person may engage in, practice or perform the work of a crane operator apprentice unless he has obtained a certificate of registration from the board. An apprentice's certificate may be issued for the performance of work of a crane operator for the purpose of training, which work may be performed only under the supervision of a licensed crane operator. No crane owner may operate or permit

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the operation of any of his cranes in this state unless he has obtained a certificate of registration from the board. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a hoisting equipment owner to obtain a certificate of registration from the board.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to: (1) Any person engaged in the occupation of crane operator in the state on October 1, 1981, provided such person shall be required to obtain a license within one year of October 1, 1981, (2) engineers under the jurisdiction of the United States, (3) engineers or operators employed by public utilities or industrial manufacturing plants, [or] (4) any person operating either a bucket truck or a digger derrick designed and used for an electrical generation, electrical transmission, electrical distribution, electrical catenary or electrical signalization project, if such person: (A) Holds a valid limited electrical line contractor or journeyman's license issued pursuant to chapter 393 or any regulation adopted pursuant to said chapter, or (B) has engaged in the installation of electrical line work for more than one thousand hours, or (C) has enrolled in or has graduated from a federally recognized electrical apprenticeship program, or (5) persons engaged in boating, fishing, agriculture or arboriculture.

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