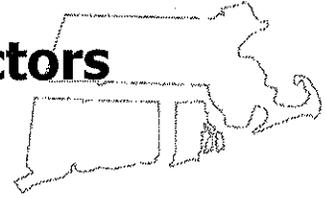




Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, Inc.



TO: The Honorable Tom Colapietro and Rep. Jim Shapiro
Members of the General Law Committee

From: Lisa Hutner, Executive Director

Date: February 16, 2010

Re: **SB-133, An Act Concerning Apprenticeship to Journeymen and Contractor Ratios**

The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England (IEC-NE) submits the following comments relative to **SB-133, An Act Concerning Apprenticeship to Journeymen and Contractor Ratios**.

Although we understand that the intent of the bill is to make the apprenticeship hiring ratio for plumbing, heating, piping, cooling, sprinkler fitter and sheet metal contractors consistent with the electrical and other trades, the bill, as drafted, does not accomplish this. It is our understanding that the bill will be redrafted to address this. We have no objection to making the apprenticeship hiring ratios consistent across the board.

However, the bill changes the ratio for the electrical and other trades by eliminating the 6:14 ratio for apprentices to journeymen. It is our understanding that this was done in error. We urge committee members to correct this error before acting on the bill.

The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England is the premier trade association representing Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island independent electrical contractors aggressively working with the industry to establish a free environment for merit shop -- a philosophy that promotes the concept of free enterprise, open competition and economic opportunity for all.

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