## CONTINUING EDUCATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATES OF MAINE AND MASSACHUSETTS

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Maine Electricians Examining Board and the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Electricians, agree to provide reciprocal credit towards continuing education requirements required for journeyman and master electricians. The provisions of this agreement are as follows:

- 1. The scope of this agreement is limited to 15 hour continuing education classes focused on NFPA 70, the National Electric Code, as well as certain state specific requirements outlined below. This agreement does not pertain to all continuing education classes, but only those classes whose providers wish to offer for credit valid in both states.
- 2. This agreement does not pertain to:
  - A. Online/distance continuing education courses; or
  - B. Classes physically offered outside of Massachusetts or Maine, even if offered by approved providers.
- 3. Continuing education providers must continue to be approved and meet all standard requirements imposed by the state which had initially approved them (hereinafter "Home State"). This agreement does not require either state to accept any topic, provider, or instructor that is not eligible for approval under that state's laws and regulations.
- 4. To qualify under this reciprocity agreement, continuing education providers must teach state specific information as follows:
  - A. Massachusetts Provide a copy of, and instruction in, amendments made to NFPA 70, which are promulgated in the Massachusetts Code of Regulations at 521 CMR 12.00.
  - B. Maine Instruction in amendments made to NFPA 70 as well as a list of common code and laws violations as identified in a document prepared by Maine's Senior State Electrical Inspector.
- 5. Continuing Education providers from both states must continue issuing paper certificates to licensees who have completed a course qualifying under this Agreement. In addition to any standard requirements providers must meet for their Home State, these certificates must indicate the course was provided for credit for both states. This Agreement shall not be deemed to prohibit a provider from additionally submitting course information electronically if required by their Home State.
- 6. Each state will remain responsible for regulating its approved providers and enforcing their adherence to this Agreement. In the event a state suspends or revokes an education

provider who offers courses under this Agreement, it will notify the other state as soon as practical.

- 7. At this time, it is the intent of Maine and Massachusetts to adopt, with state specific amendments, the latest version of NFPA 70 within one year of a new edition. In the event a state decides not to continue adopting the latest edition of NFPA 70 or wishes to adopt a different electrical code, the state agrees to notify the other in writing.
- 8. The duration of the agreement will be indefinite, with either state able to withdraw at any time with written notice to the other.

This agreement is effective 4/21/17.

By the Maine Electricians' Examining Board

Authorized Representative

By the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Electricians:

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