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To provide notice regarding recent legislation impacting the licensed Home Inspector regulations, please refer to **House bill 7015** and **Senate Bill 2120**, enacted into law during the last legislative session, which amended existing statutory language related to specific work that can only be performed by licensed electricians. Please see the below language, with new additions highlighted in bold and italics.

“5-6-2. Work for which license required.

(a)(1) No person, firm, or corporation shall enter into, engage in, solicit, advertise, bid for, or work at the business of installing, maintaining, servicing, and testing wires, conduits, apparatus, ***which includes support systems specifically for electrical equipment and devices***, fixtures, electrical signs, lightning-protection equipment as defined in § 5-6-1, ***lighting, control of electrical devices, handling and removal for installation or re-installation of all electrical equipment, devices, apparatus, and similar items provided in this subsection within the confines of the jobsite...***” (The new language is in bold/italics).

This new statutory language prohibits anyone but a licensed electrician from opening the panel on a home’s circuit breaker(s) or examining, altering, or physically interacting with the home’s wiring beyond that which can be done with a visual examination.

Please be aware that these statutory changes supersede altogether certain regulations relating to home inspectors.