

**HOUSE BILL NO. 154**

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CRONK

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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act exempting certain low voltage projects from contractor and electrical**  
2   **administrator requirements."**

3   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 08.18.161 is amended to read:

5           **Sec. 08.18.161. Exemptions.** To the extent that this chapter governs  
6           contractors, this chapter does not apply to

7                   (1) an authorized representative of the United States government, the  
8           state, or a political subdivision or agency of the state;

9                   (2) an officer of a court when acting within the scope of office;

10                  (3) a public utility operating under the regulations of the Regulatory  
11           Commission of Alaska in construction, maintenance, or development work incidental  
12           to its own business;

13                  (4) a construction, repair, or operation incidental to the discovering or  
14           producing of petroleum or gas, or the drilling, testing, abandoning, or other operation

1 of a petroleum or gas well or a surface or underground mine or mineral deposit when  
 2 performed by an owner or lessee;

3 (5) the sale or installation of finished products, materials, or articles of  
 4 merchandise that are not actually fabricated into and do not become a permanent,  
 5 fixed part of a structure;

6 (6) construction, alteration, or repair of personal property;

7 (7) a person who only furnished materials, supplies, or equipment  
 8 without fabricating them into, or consuming them in the performance of, the work of  
 9 the contractor;

10 (8) an owner who contracts for a project with a registered contractor;

11 (9) a person working on an existing structure on that person's own  
 12 property, whether occupied by the person or not, and a person working on that  
 13 person's own existing residence, whether owned by the person or not;

14 (10) an owner or tenant of commercial property who uses the owner's  
 15 or tenant's own employees to do maintenance, repair, and alteration work on that  
 16 property;

17 (11) an owner who acts as the owner's own contractor and in doing so  
 18 performs the work independently or hires workers or subcontractors, purchases  
 19 materials, and, as such, sees to the paying for all labor, subcontractors, and materials;  
 20 in this case, the owner shall be limited to construction of one home, duplex, triplex,  
 21 four-plex, or commercial building every two years; an owner who advertises the  
 22 structure under construction for sale or sells the structure during the period of  
 23 construction or within two years after the period of construction begins shall file, on  
 24 forms provided by the department, a notice indicating that the owner is not engaged in  
 25 a business for which the owner is required to register as a contractor under this  
 26 chapter; for the purposes of this paragraph, construction begins on the date that is the  
 27 earlier of when the owner

28 (A) begins the actual construction work; or

29 (B) enters into an agreement with another person for the other  
 30 person to provide labor, to act as a subcontractor, or to provide materials for  
 31 the construction;

(12) a person performing construction work incidental to farming, dairying, agriculture, horticulture, stock or poultry raising, mining, logging, fishing, clearing, or other work on the land in rural districts for fire prevention purposes, or access road building, unless the person is a licensee;

(13) work on a low voltage project under one or more contracts, the aggregate contract price of which is less than \$10,000; this exemption does not apply when the work is only a part of a larger or major operation, whether undertaken by the same or a different contractor, or when the work is divided into contracts of amounts less than \$10,000 for the purpose of evasion of this chapter or otherwise; a contractor who performs work priced at \$2,500 or more under this exemption shall maintain public liability and property damage insurance with coverage in at least the amounts set out in AS 08.18.101; in this paragraph,

(A) "aggregate contract price" includes labor, materials, and other items for all contracts entered into for a project;

(B) "low voltage" means 56 volts or less.

\* Sec. 2. AS 08.40.190(b) is amended to read:

(b) AS 08.40.005 - 08.40.200 do not apply to a person engaged in

(1) the manufacture, maintenance, or repair of electrical apparatus or equipment;

(2) electrical work, the cost of which does not exceed \$5,000, involving residences or small commercial establishments in communities that

(A) have a population of under 500 according to the latest available federal or state census or other census approved by the department; or

(B) are over 50 miles by air or water transportation from the business place of an electrical administrator licensed under AS 08.40.005 - 08.40.200;

(3) electrical installation on residential property that is owned by the installer or a member of the installer's immediate family and not intended for sale at the time of making the installation;

1 (4) the operation, maintenance, or repair of a television or radio  
2 broadcasting system and the installation of a radio broadcasting system under 500  
3 watts input power except for A.C. power supply and wiring;

4 (5) the installation, maintenance, and repair of elevators so long as the  
5 work is performed by an agent or employee of the elevator industry and is confined to  
6 the elevator control system, which system does not include the power supply, wiring,  
7 and motor connection;

8 (6) the operation, maintenance, and repair of telephone and  
9 intercommunication facilities;

10 (7) the installation, maintenance, and repair of fire alarm, intrusion  
11 alarm, or other low voltage signaling systems of 48 volts to ground or less;

12 (8) the maintenance or repair of diesel electric engines installed on  
13 heavy construction equipment, either in a shop or on a job site;

14 (9) the installation in a commercial water well of the submersible  
15 pump motor and the wiring to the well pump system controls if the controls are  
16 outside a building or a structure;

17 (10) the installation in a noncommercial water well of the submersible  
18 pump motor and the wiring to the well pump system controls;

19 (11) electrical maintenance or repair work if the work is performed by  
20 the person as an employee of an owner or tenant of commercial property as part of the  
21 employee's work duties with respect to the property but is not offered or performed as  
22 a service to the public;

23 (12) the installation, maintenance, and repair of low voltage  
24 telecommunications, broadband transmission, and video services; in this  
25 paragraph,

26 (A) "broadband transmission" means a transmission that  
27 has a large range of radio frequencies that can simultaneously transport  
28 multiple signals and different types of signals;

29 (B) "low voltage" means 56 volts or less.