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AN ACT

Relating to electrical safety.

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

* Section 1. AS 18.60 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 6. ELECTRICAL SAFETY.

Sec. 18.60.580. MINIMUM ELECTRICAL STANDARDS. The Department of Labor shall adopt the 1968 published edition of the National Electrical Code approved by the American Standards Association, and the latest published edition as of the effective date of this section of the National Electrical Safety Code issued by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Standards, as the minimum electrical safety standards of the state.

Sec. 18.60.590. BOROUGH AND CITY ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODES. (a) The department may by regulation incorporate into secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter amendments to the 1968 National Electrical Code as approved and issued by the American Standards Association.

(b) This chapter does not affect the authority of any municipality or rural electrification association to prescribe by ordinance, rule, or order standards for their respective areas of jurisdiction not less stringent than the standards prescribed by the department or those established under sec. 580 of this chapter.

Sec. 18.60.600. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.
(a) The department may

(1) promulgate regulations to carry out the

purposes of secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter;

(2) inspect the electrical wiring of any place of employment or public structure in this state.

(b) The department shall

(1) keep a record of all inspection fees collected;

(2) keep a record of all electrical inspections conducted.

Sec. 18.60.610. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. Upon application to the department a person, corporation, electric utility firm, public utility district, rural electrification association, or municipal utility district furnishing electrical current may be authorized by the commissioner to inspect the electrical wiring for a public or commercial structure as defined in sec. 580 of this chapter to which it is to furnish electrical current before energizing the electrical system on, in, or about such premises. Authorization by the commissioner under this section constitutes a grant of full authority to act within the provisions of secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter with the same immunities and privileges accorded to the state in the performance of these duties. Any person or entity whose electrical wiring installation is found, by the inspector of the delegated authority, not to meet the standards prescribed shall have the right to appeal to the commissioner for a new inspection. The commissioner shall, within 15 days, furnish a new inspection by a designee not associated with the person, firm or utility who did the original inspection.

Sec. 18.60.620. INSPECTION FEES. A person, corporation, electric utility firm, public utility district, rural electrification association or municipal utility district authorized under sec. 610 of this chapter to provide inspection services may charge a fee for these services. After notice and hearing, the department shall set a schedule of maximum fees for inspection services rendered under secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter. The department may review the schedule every two years after giving notice and hearing.

Sec. 18.60.630. ENFORCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE. An authorized inspector under this chapter shall give written notice to the owner of a constructed premises, or the contractor of a premises under construction, of each violation of applicable electrical standards discovered as a result of his inspection. If within 15 days after receipt of written notice of an electrical violation, the person notified does not rectify the condition, the inspector shall notify the electric utility firm, public utility district, rural electrification association or municipal utility district supplying power to the premises. Upon notice in writing from the inspector the supplier of electrical power may discontinue services to the premises where there exists the alleged violation.

Sec. 18.60.640. SCOPE OF WORK COVERED. (a) Secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter cover only new installations

and alterations to existing installations.

(b) These standards shall be the recommended minimum standards for all new structures in the state.

Sec. 18.60.650. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. A person who installs electrical wiring not in compliance with minimum electrical standards as set out in sec. 580 of this chapter, and who fails to correct this wiring after having been notified in writing by an authorized inspector, is upon conviction, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

Sec. 18.60.660. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter :

- (1) "department" means the Department of Labor;
- (2) "commissioner" means commissioner of the Department of Labor;
- (3) "electrical wiring" means the entire electrical system, including all conducting and shielding material, all regulatory and safety apparatus, and all devices and techniques used in the process of installation;
- (4) "public structures" mean buildings such as hotels, resident housing with more than one rental unit, restaurants, taverns, lodging houses, children's homes, auditoriums, town halls, or any structure designed and/or used for public assembly whether publically or privately financed.