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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to an exemption for low-voltage projects from contractor**
2 **requirements; and relating to an exemption from electrical administrator**
3 **requirements."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 08.18.161 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

14 (4) a construction, repair, or operation incidental to the discovering or

1 producing of petroleum or gas, or the drilling, testing, abandoning, or other operation
 2 of a petroleum or gas well or a surface or underground mine or mineral deposit when
 3 performed by an owner or lessee;

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

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

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

11 (8) **work on a low voltage project under one or more contracts, the**
 12 **aggregate contract price of which for labor and materials and all other items is**
 13 **less than \$10,000; this exemption does not apply when the work is only a part of a**
 14 **larger or major operation, whether undertaken by the same or a different**
 15 **contractor, or when the work is divided into contracts of amounts less than**
 16 **\$10,000 for the purpose of evasion of this chapter or otherwise; a contractor who**
 17 **performs work priced at \$2,500 or more under this exemption shall nevertheless**
 18 **keep in force public liability and property damage insurance with coverage in at**
 19 **least the amounts set out in AS 08.18.101; in this paragraph, "low voltage" means**
 20 **56 volts or less;** [REPEALED.]

21 (9) an owner who contracts for a project with a registered contractor;

22 (10) a person working on that person's own property, whether occupied
 23 by the person or not, and a person working on that person's own residence, whether
 24 owned by the person or not;

25 (11) an owner or tenant of commercial property who uses the owner's
 26 or tenant's own employees to do maintenance, repair, and alteration work **on** [UPON]
 27 that property;

28 (12) an owner who acts as the owner's own contractor and in doing so
 29 hires workers on an hourly basis, hires subcontractors, purchases materials and, as
 30 such, sees to the paying for all labor, subcontractors, and materials; in this case, the
 31 owner shall be limited to construction of one home, duplex, triplex, four-plex, or

1 commercial building every two years;

2 (13) a person performing construction work incidental to farming,
3 dairying, agriculture, horticulture, stock or poultry raising, mining, logging, fishing,
4 clearing, or other work on [UPON] the land in rural districts for fire prevention
5 purposes, or access road building, unless the person is a licensee.

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

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

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

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

12 (A) have a population of under 500 according to the latest
13 available federal or state census or other census approved by the Department of
14 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; or

15 (B) are over 50 miles by air or water transportation from the
16 business place of an electrical administrator licensed under AS 08.40.005 -
17 08.40.200;

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

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

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

28 (6) the operation, maintenance, and repair of telephone, telegraph, and
29 intercommunication facilities;

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

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

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

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

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

12 **(12) the installation, maintenance, and repair of low voltage**
13 **telecommunications, broadband transmission, and video services; in this**
14 **paragraph,**

15 **(A) "broadband transmission" means a transmission that**
16 **has a large range of radio frequencies that can simultaneously transport**
17 **multiple signals and different types of signals;**

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