

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a board of electrical
7 examiners; providing for the licensing of
8 electrical contractors; providing fees and
9 penalties; and providing for an effective
10 date."

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

12 Section 1. There is hereby created a Board of Electrical
13 Examiners which shall consist of three members all of whom shall
14 be persons who are licensed electrical contractors as hereinafter
15 defined and all appointed by the Governor for staggered terms of
16 three years, or until their successors are appointed.

17 Sec. 2. The Board shall hold a regular annual meeting and may
18 hold special meetings at the call of the chairman of the Board.
19 Two members shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall issue rules
20 and regulations relating to the examination and licensing of elec-
21 trical contractors and the suspension or revocation of such licenses.
22 Licensing examinations, under the supervision of the Board or such
23 agency as is designated by the Governor, shall be conducted at least
24 twice during each year at any appropriate places in the State.

25 Sec. 3. (a) The term "Electrical Contractor" shall mean
26 any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the busi-
27 ness of, or purporting to be engaged in the business of, installing
28 or repairing, or contracting to install or repair, any electrical
29 wiring, conduits, devices, fixtures, equipment or other electrical

1 materials for transmitting, using or consuming electrical energy.

2 (b) No person, firm, partnership or corporation shall act
3 as an electrical contractor in Alaska without first being licensed
4 by the Board and upon conviction thereof shall be deemed guilty of
5 a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than \$300.00, or may be
6 imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or may be both fined and
7 imprisoned.

8 (c) Application for a license, and supporting informa-
9 tion, shall be made and given in such form as the Board shall pre-
10 scribe. All applicants shall be examined to determine knowledge of
11 electrical installations and wiring, familiarity with the regula-
12 tions as laid down in the national electrical code and the national
13 electrical safety code, both as approved by the American Standards
14 Association, other installation and safety regulations approved by
15 the American Standards Association, and personal skill and ability.

16 (d) Each applicant, other than an individual, shall des-
17 ignate a supervisory employee or member to take the required exam-
18 ination, who shall be designated as supervisor under the license.
19 No person may qualify as supervisor under more than one license. If
20 the relationship of the supervisor with the firm or corporation
21 applicant is terminated, the license shall become void within ninety
22 days unless another supervisor is qualified by the Board. Licenses
23 issued hereunder shall be valid for one year after issuance, unless
24 sooner revoked or suspended; are non-transferable, and may be re-
25 newed without further examination by appropriate application.

26 (e) Each successful applicant for examination shall
27 receive an appropriate certificate of license which shall there-
28 after be prominently displayed, while in effect, in the holder's
29 principal place of business. Each applicant shall pay an original

1 license fee of \$100; the fee for renewal shall be \$50. Applicants
2 who have been engaged in the electrical contracting business in
3 Alaska for one year or more prior to the effective date of this
4 Act, shall upon making a satisfactory showing of qualifications to
5 the Board, be licensed without examination.

6 Sec. 4. The Board may suspend or revoke any license upon a
7 finding that:

8 (1) The application therefor is incomplete or mislead-
9 ing.

10 (2) The licensee has knowingly violated this Act or any
11 lawful rule, order or regulation of the Board.

12 (3) The licensee is incompetent, or has engaged in
13 fraudulent practices, or has committed wilful contract violations.

14 Notice of any proposed suspension or revocation of license
15 shall be given in writing, stating the grounds therefor; all
16 proceedings shall be governed by the provisions of the Administra-
17 tive Procedures Act.

18 Sec. 5. The Board may make or cause to be made any special
19 inspection or investigation into the work of any licensee which
20 may be deemed necessary, and shall have the power to issue sub-
21 poenas and process compelling the attendance of any person and the
22 production of any papers or books, for the purpose of such investi-
23 gation and examination, and shall have the power to administer
24 oaths when required, and to petition any court of this State to
25 enforce such subpoenas and process or to compel such testimony.

26 Sec. 6. This Act shall not apply to electrical departments
27 or employees of a municipality, electrical public service corpora-
28 tions, telephone or telegraph utility or businesses, the signal or
29 communications systems of a railroad or airline, radio broadcasting

1 or transmitting stations, or to persons or businesses engaged
2 solely in the manufacture or repair of electrical apparatus,
3 appliances or equipment or in the installation, maintenance or
4 repair of tabulating, punching, sorting or typing machines.

5 Sec. 7. The fact that any section, subsection, sentence,
6 clause or phrase of this Act is declared invalid for any reason,
7 shall not affect the remaining portion of this Act.

8 Sec. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its passage and
9 approval or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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