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BY THE LABOR AND
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 652

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to electrical safety."

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

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

9 ARTICLE 6. ELECTRICAL SAFETY

10 Sec. 18.60.580. MINIMUM ELECTRICAL STANDARDS. The Department of
11 Labor shall adopt the 1965 published edition of the National Electrical
12 Code approved by the American Standards Association, and the latest
13 published edition as of the effective date of this section of the
14 National Electrical Safety Code issued by the U.S. Department of Com-
15 merce, Bureau of Standards, as the minimum electrical safety standards
16 of the state.

17 Sec. 18.60.590. DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. The Depart-
18 ment of Labor shall

19 (1) be responsible for all electrical inspection of new in-
20 stallations in old or new construction except as provided in secs. 580-
21 660 of this chapter;

22 (2) inspect and re-inspect industrial and commercial
23 occupancies where persons are employed and public structures where
24 persons assemble;

25 (3) keep a record of all inspection fees collected;

26 (4) keep a record of all electrical inspections conducted.

27 Sec. 18.60.600. ADMINISTRATION. Upon application to the Depart-
28 ment of Labor a person, corporation, electric utility, firm, public
29 utility district, rural electrification association, or municipal

1 utility district furnishing electrical current may be authorized by
2 the commissioner of labor to furnish inspection services to any
3 premises before energizing the electrical system on, in, or about the
4 premises and shall be delegated full authority to act within the pro-
5 visions of secs. 580 - 650 of this chapter with the same immunities
6 and privileges accorded to the state in the performance of these duties.

7 Sec. 18.60.610. POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND RURAL ELECTRICAL
8 ASSOCIATIONS. Nothing provided in secs. 580 - 650 of this chapter
9 shall impair the right of boroughs, cities or rural electrical associa-
10 tions to adopt rules, ordinances and regulations, regulating electrical
11 installations and the collecting of fees for such inspection, but in
12 no event shall these rules, ordinances or regulations be less stringent
13 than those adopted by the Department of Labor.

14 Sec. 18.60.620. EXCEPTIONS. The Department of Labor shall issue
15 rules and regulations exempting from inspection small towns and
16 villages under 500 population or remote areas on utilities systems
17 that are impractical to inspect, however, this shall not exempt from
18 inspection any commercial or industrial buildings, public building or
19 quasi public facilities from inspection.

20 Sec. 18.60.630. RIGHT OF INSPECTION. The Department of Labor
21 may enter and inspect, during reasonable hours, any plant, construction
22 project, cannery, or other like enterprise where persons are employed
23 or any public structure where persons assemble. A person, corporation
24 electric utility, firm, public utility district, rural electrification
25 association or municipal utility district authorized under sec. 600 of
26 this chapter may enter and inspect, during reasonable hours, any
27 premises to which it is to furnish electrical current.

28 Sec. 18.60.640. INSPECTION FEES. A person, corporation, electric
29 utility, firm, public utility district, rural electrification

1 association or municipal utility district authorized under sec. 600 of
2 this chapter to provide inspection services may charge a fee for these
3 services. After notice and hearing, the department shall set a maximum
4 schedule of fees. The department may review the schedule every two
5 years after giving notice and hearing.

6 Sec. 18.60.650. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. A person who fails to
7 keep electrical installations or equipment in a safe condition at a
8 place where persons are employed, or in a public structure where per-
9 sons assemble is upon conviction punishable for each offense by a fine
10 of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year,
11 or by both. Each day's continuance of the violation is a separate
12 offense.

13 Sec. 18.60.660. REGULATIONS. The Department of Labor shall
14 issue orders, rules, and regulations necessary to carry out the
15 purposes of secs. 580 - 650 of this chapter.
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