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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 324

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; and providing  
7 for an effective date."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 5. ELECTRICAL SAFETY.

11 Sec. 18.60.580. MINIMUM ELECTRICAL STANDARDS. The electrical  
12 standards prescribed in the 1965 edition of the National Electrical  
13 Code approved by the American Standards Association constitute the  
14 minimum electrical standards for all electrical wiring in this state.

15 Sec. 18.60.590. REGULATIONS. (a) The department may by  
16 regulation prescribe more stringent electrical standards than those  
17 established under sec. 580 of this chapter.

18 (b) Each borough, city or rural electrification association  
19 may by ordinance, rule or order, prescribe more stringent electrical  
20 standards for their respective areas of jurisdiction than those  
21 prescribed by the department or those established under sec. 580 of  
22 this chapter.

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

25 (1) promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of  
26 this article;

27 (2) inspect the electrical wiring of any premises in this  
28 state.

29 (b) The department shall

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- (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 any 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 any premises 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 shall constitute a grant of full authority to act within the provisions of this article with the same immunities and privileges accorded to the state in the performance of these duties.

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 maximum schedule of fees for inspection services rendered under this article. 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 any constructed premises, or the contractor of any premises under construction, of each violation of applicable electrical standards discovered as a result of his inspection. If within five days after receipt of written notice of an electrical violation, the person notified does not rectify the condition, the inspector shall,

- (1) if the premises' electrical system has been previously

1 energized, order the electrical service to the premises discontinued  
2 until the condition is corrected; or

3 (2) if the premises are under construction, order the  
4 contractor or his construction supervisor to desist from further  
5 installation of non-conforming electrical wiring or apparatus, or the  
6 use of non-conforming installation devices or techniques.

7 Sec. 18.60.640. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. (a) A person who fails  
8 to keep electrical installations or equipment in a safe condition at  
9 a place where persons are employed, or in a public structure where  
10 persons assemble is upon conviction punishable for each offense by a  
11 fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than  
12 one year, or by both. Each day's continuance of the violation is a  
13 separate offense.

14 (b) A person who does not comply with an order issued under  
15 sec. 630 of this chapter by an authorized inspector is upon conviction  
16 punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment of  
17 not more than one year, or by both. Each day's continuance is a  
18 separate offense.

19 Sec. 18.60.650. DEFINITIONS. In this article

20 (1) "department" means Department of Labor;

21 (2) "commissioner" means commissioner of the Department  
22 of Labor;

23 (3) "electrical wiring" as used in this article means the  
24 entire electrical system, including all conducting and shielding  
25 material, all regulatory and safety apparatus, and all devices and  
26 techniques used in the process of installation.

27 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and  
28 approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.  
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