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BY THE LABOR AND  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 168

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST 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 1968 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  
20 installations in old or new construction except as provided in secs.  
21 580 - 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 impairs the right of boroughs, cities or rural electrical associations  
10 to adopt rules, ordinances and regulations, regulating electrical  
11 installations and the collecting of fees for inspection, but in no  
12 event may these rules, ordinances or regulations be less stringent than  
13 those adopted by the Department of Labor.

14 Sec. 18.60.620. EXCEPTIONS. The Department of Labor may 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 does not exempt a  
18 commercial or industrial building, public building or quasi public  
19 facility 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 persons  
9 assemble is, upon conviction, punishable for each offense by a fine of  
10 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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