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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 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  
15 Commerce, Bureau of Standards, as the minimum electrical safety  
16 standards 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 reinspect industrial and commercial occu-  
23 pancies where persons are employed and public structures where persons  
24 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. (a) Upon application to the  
28 Department of Labor a person, corporation, electric utility, firm,  
29 public utility district, rural electrification association, or

1 municipal utility district furnishing electrical current may be autho-  
2 rized by the commissioner of labor to furnish inspection services to  
3 any premises before energizing the electrical system on, in, or about  
4 the premises and shall be delegated full authority to act with the  
5 provisions 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 (b) The commissioner of labor may revoke the delegation of  
8 authority granted under the provisions of this section for abuse of  
9 the discretion granted.

10 (c) The commissioner of labor shall revoke the delegation of  
11 authority granted in this section when the persons, corporation,  
12 electrical utility, firm, public utility district, rural electrification  
13 association, or municipal utility district ceases to furnish electric  
14 current.

15 Sec. 18.60.610. POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND RURAL ELECTRICAL  
16 ASSOCIATIONS. Nothing provided in secs. 580 - 650 of this chapter  
17 impairs the right of boroughs, cities or rural electrical associations  
18 to adopt rules, ordinances and regulations, regulating electrical  
19 installations and the collecting of fees for inspection, but in no event  
20 may these rules, ordinances or regulations be less stringent than those  
21 adopted by the Department of Labor.

22 Sec. 18.60.620. EXCEPTIONS. The Department of Labor shall issue  
23 rules and regulations exempting from inspection small towns and villages  
24 under 500 population or remote areas on utilities systems that are  
25 impractical to inspect, however, this does not exempt a commercial or  
26 industrial building, public building or quasi public facility from  
27 inspection.

28 Sec. 18.60.630. RIGHT OF INSPECTION. The Department of Labor  
29 may enter and inspect, during reasonable hours, any plant, construction

1 project, cannery, or other like enterprise where persons are employed  
2 or any public structure where persons assemble. A person, corporation,  
3 electric utility, firm, public utility district, rural electrification  
4 association or municipal utility district authorized under sec. 600 of  
5 this chapter may enter and inspect, during reasonable hours, any  
6 premises to which it is to furnish electrical current.

7 Sec. 18.60.640. INSPECTION FEES. A person, corporation, electric  
8 utility, firm, public utility district, rural electrification associ-  
9 ation or municipal utility district authorized under sec. 600 of this  
10 chapter to provide inspection services, and the Department of Labor  
11 may charge a fee for these services. After notice and hearing, the  
12 department shall set a maximum schedule of fees. The department may  
13 review the schedule every two years after giving notice and hearing.

14 Sec. 18.60.650. ENFORCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE. An authorized in-  
15 spector under this chapter shall give written notice to the owner of a  
16 constructed premises, or the contractor of a premises under construc-  
17 tion, of each violation of applicable electrical standards discovered  
18 as a result of his inspection. If within 15 days after receipt of  
19 written notice of an electrical violation, the persons notified does  
20 not rectify the condition, the inspector may notify the electric utility  
21 firm, public utility district rural electrification association or  
22 municipal utility district supplying power to the premises. Upon  
23 notice in writing from the inspector, the supplier of electrical power  
24 may discontinue services to the premises where there exists the  
25 alleged violation.

26 Sec. 18.60.660. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. (a) A person who fails  
27 to keep electrical installations or equipment in a safe condition  
28 at a place where persons are employed, or in a public structure where  
29 persons assemble is, upon conviction, punishable for each offense by a

1 fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one  
2 year, or by both.

3 (b) A person who installs electrical wiring not in compliance  
4 with minimum electrical standards as set out in sec. 580 of this  
5 chapter after having been notified in writing by an authorized inspec-  
6 tor, is upon conviction, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000,  
7 or by imprisonment of not more than one year, or by both.

8 Sec. 18.60.670. REGULATIONS. The Department of Labor shall  
9 issue orders, rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes  
10 of secs. 580 - 650 of this chapter.  
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