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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 may issue
23 rules and regulations providing for inspection in small towns and villages
24 under 500 population or remote areas on utilities systems that are
25 impractical for the department to inspect; however, this does not exempt
26 a commercial or industrial building, public building or quasi public
27 facility from 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 associa-
9 tion 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, after
27 receiving the notice required by sec. 650 of this chapter, fails to
28 keep electrical installations or equipment in a safe condition at a
29 place where persons are employed, or in a public structure where persons

1 assemble is, upon conviction, punishable for each offense by a fine of
2 not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year,
3 or by both.

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

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