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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR 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; and providing
7 for an effective date." hT

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 6. ELECTRICAL SAFETY.

11 Sec. 18.60.580. MINIMUM ELECTRICAL STANDARDS. The electrical
12 standards prescribed in the 1968 edition of the National Electrical
13 Code approved by the American Standards Association constitute the
14 minimum electrical standards for all industrial and commercial struc-
15 tures where people are employed and all public structures where people
16 assemble.

17 Sec. 18.60.590. BOROUGH AND CITY ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODES. (a)
18 The department may by regulation incorporate into their Act amendments
19 to the 1968 National Electrical Code as approved and issued by the
20 American Standards Association.

21 (b) This chapter does not affect the authority of any municipality
22 or rural electrification association to prescribe by ordinance, rule,
23 or order standards for their respective areas of jurisdiction not less
24 stringent than the standards prescribed by the department or those
25 established under sec. 580 of this chapter.

26 Sec. 18.60.600. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. (a) The
27 department may

28 (1) promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of secs
29 580 - 660 of this chapter;

1 (2) inspect the electrical wiring of any place of employment
2 or public structure in this state.

3 (b) The department shall

4 (1) keep a record of all inspection fees collected;

5 (2) keep a record of all electrical inspections conducted.

6 Sec. 18.60.610. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. Upon application to the
7 department a person, corporation, electric utility firm, public utility
8 district, rural electrification association, or municipal utility
9 district furnishing electrical current may be authorized by the commis-
10 sioner to inspect the electrical wiring for a public or commercial
11 structure as defined in sec. 580 of this chapter to which it is to
12 furnish electrical current before energizing the electrical system on,
13 in, or about such premises. Authorization by the commissioner under
14 this section constitutes a grant of full authority to act within the
15 provisions of secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter with the same immunities
16 and privileges accorded to the state in the performance of these duties
17 Any person or entity whose electrical wiring installation is found, by
18 the inspector of the delegated authority, not to meet the standards
19 prescribed shall have the right to appeal to the Commissioner for a new
20 inspection. The Commissioner shall, within 15 days, furnish a new
21 inspection by a designee not associated with the person, firm or utility
22 who did the original inspection.

23 Sec. 18.60.620. INSPECTION FEES. A person, corporation, electric
24 utility firm, public utility district, rural electrification associa-
25 tion or municipal utility district authorized under sec. 610 of this
26 chapter to provide inspection services may charge a fee for these
27 services. After notice and hearing, the department shall set a
28 schedule of maximum fees for inspection services rendered under secs.
29 580 - 660 of this chapter. The department may review the schedule ever

1 two years after giving notice and hearing.

2 Sec. 18.60.630. ENFORCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE. An authorized in-
3 spector under this chapter shall give written notice to the owner of
4 a constructed premises, or the contractor of a premises under con-
5 struction, of each violation of applicable electrical standards dis-
6 covered as a result of his inspection. If within 15 days after receipt
7 of written notice of an electrical violation, the person notified does
8 not rectify the condition, the inspector shall notify the electric
9 utility firm, public utility district, rural electrification associa-
10 tion or municipal utility district supplying power to the premises.
11 Upon notice in writing from the inspector the supplier of electrical
12 power may discontinue services to the premises where there exists the
13 alleged violation.

14 Sec. 18.60.640. SCOPE OF WORK COVERED. (a) Secs. 580 - 660 of
15 this chapter cover only new work and alterations to existing work.

16 (b) These standards shall be the recommended minimum standards
17 for all new public structures in the state.

18 Sec. 18.60.650. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS. A person who installs
19 electrical wiring not in compliance with minimum electrical standards
20 as set out in sec. 580 of this chapter, and who fails to correct this
21 wiring after having been notified in writing by an authorized inspector
22 is upon conviction, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by
23 imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both.

24 Sec. 18.60.660. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter

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

26 (2) "commissioner" means commissioner of the Department of
27 Labor;

28 (3) "electrical wiring" means the entire electrical system,
29 including all conducting and shielding material, all regulatory and

1 safety apparatus, and all devices and techniques used in the process of
2 installation;

3 (4) "public structures" mean buildings such as hotels, resi-
4 dent housing with more than two rental units, restaurants, taverns,
5 lodging houses, children's homes, auditoriums, town halls, or any
6 structure designed and/or used for public assembly whether publically
7 or privately financed.

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