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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 14  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to electrical safety; and providing  
for an effective date."

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

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

ARTICLE 6. ELECTRICAL SAFETY.

Sec. 18.60.580. MINIMUM ELECTRICAL STANDARDS. The electrical standards prescribed in the 1968 edition of the National Electrical Code approved by the American Standards Association constitute the minimum electrical standards for all industrial and commercial structures where people are employed and all public structures where people assemble, and for all buildings which are in any way financed from public funds or for which the finance is guaranteed by a governmental agency, and for all work done in the state by a licensed electrical contractor or an employee of a licensed electrical contractor.

Sec. 18.60.590. BOROUGH AND CITY ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODES. (a) The department may by regulation incorporate into their Act amendments to the 1965 National Electrical Code as approved and issued by the American Standards Association.

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

Sec. 18.60.600. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. (a) The

1 department may

2 (1) promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of secs.  
3 580 - 660 of this chapter;

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

6 (b) The department shall

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

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

9 Sec. 18.60.610. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. Upon application to the  
10 Department a person, corporation, electric utility firm, public utility  
11 district, rural electrification association, or municipal utility  
12 district furnishing electrical current may be authorized by the commis-  
13 sioner to inspect the electrical wiring for a public or commercial  
14 structure as defined in sec. 580 of this chapter to which it is to  
15 furnish electrical current before energizing the electrical system on,  
16 in, or about such premises. Authorization by the commissioner under  
17 this section constitutes a grant of full authority to act within the  
18 provisions of secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter with the same immunities  
19 and privileges accorded to the state in the performance of these duties

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

28 Sec. 18.60.630. ENFORCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE. An authorized in-  
29 spector under this chapter shall give written notice to the owner of

1 a constructed premises, or the contractor of a premises under con-  
2 struction, of each violation of applicable electrical standards  
3 discovered as a result of his inspection. If within 15 days after  
4 receipt of written notice of an electrical violation, the person noti-  
5 fied does not rectify the condition, the inspector shall notify the  
6 electric utility firm, public utility district, rural electrification  
7 association or municipal utility district supplying power to the  
8 premises. Upon notice in writing from the inspector the supplier of  
9 electrical power may discontinue services to the premises where there  
10 exists the alleged violation.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) "commissioner" means commissioner of the Department of  
24 Labor;

25 (3) "electrical wiring" means the entire electrical system,  
26 including all conducting and shielding material, all regulatory and  
27 safety apparatus, and all devices and techniques used in the process of  
28 installation;

29 (4) "public structures" mean buildings such as hotels,

1 restaurants, taverns, lodging houses, auditoriums, town halls, or any  
2 structure designed and/or used for public assembly whether publically  
3 or privately financed.

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

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