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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

2 FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 14

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. 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 every

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 construc-
5 tion, of each violation of applicable electrical standards discovered
6 as a result of his inspection. If within 15 days after receipt of
7 written notice of an electrical violation, the person notified does not
8 rectify the condition, the inspector shall notify the electric utility
9 firm, public utility district, rural electrification association or
10 municipal utility district supplying power to the premises. Upon notice
11 in writing from the inspector the supplier of electrical power may dis-
12 continue services to the premises where there exists the alleged viola-
13 tion.

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

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

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

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 one rental unit, 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.
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