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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 705

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to electrical administrators and the  
7 Board of Electrical Examiners."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 08.40.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 08.40.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD. There is hereby  
11 created a Board of Electrical Examiners consisting of three members who  
12 are licensed electrical administrators and two members who have no direct  
13 financial interest in the electrical administration field.

14 \* Sec. 2. AS 08.40.040 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 08.40.040. BOARD MEETINGS. The board shall hold a regular  
16 annual meeting. The board may hold special meetings at the call of the  
17 chairman with prior approval of the governor. Three members, at least  
18 two of whom are licensed electrical administrators, [TWO MEMBERS] con-  
19 stitute a quorum.

20 \* Sec. 3. AS 08.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 Sec. 08.40.065. ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL SAFETY PROVISIONS.  
22 The board shall administer the provisions of AS 18.60.580 - 18.60.660.

23 \* Sec. 4. AS 08.40.120 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 08.40.120. EXAMINATION OF APPLICANT. Each applicant shall be  
25 examined to determine his knowledge of electrical installations and  
26 wiring, familiarity with the regulations contained in the National  
27 Electrical Code and the National Electrical Safety Code (most recent  
28 editions), as approved by the American Standards Association, other  
29 installation and safety regulations approved by the American Standards

1 Association or the legislature, and his personal skill and ability.

2 \* Sec. 5. AS 08.40.200(2) is amended to read:

3 (2) "electrical administrator" means any person engaged in  
4 the business of, or purporting to be engaged in the business of, in-  
5 stalling, maintaining or repairing, or contracting to install or repair,  
6 electrical wiring, conduits, devices, fixtures, equipment, or other  
7 electrical materials for transmitting, using or consuming electrical  
8 energy;

9 \* Sec. 6. AS 18.60.590 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 18.60.590. BOROUGH AND CITY ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODES. (a) The  
11 board [DEPARTMENT] may by regulation adopt amendments to the 1975  
12 National Electrical Code as approved and issued by the American Standards  
13 Association.

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

19 \* Sec. 7. AS 18.60.600 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 18.60.600. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD [DEPARTMENT]. (a)  
21 The board [DEPARTMENT] may

22 (1) promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of secs.  
23 580 - 660 of this chapter;

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

26 (b) The board [DEPARTMENT] shall

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

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

29 \* Sec. 8. AS 18.60.610 is amended to read:

1           Sec. 18.60.610. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. Upon application to the  
2 board [DEPARTMENT], a person, corporation, electric utility firm, public  
3 utility district, rural electrification association, or municipal utility  
4 district furnishing electrical current may be authorized by it [THE  
5 COMMISSIONER] to inspect the electrical wiring for a public or com-  
6 mercial structure as defined in sec. 660 of this chapter to which it is  
7 to furnish electrical current before energizing the electrical system  
8 on, in, or about the premises. Authorization by the board [COMMISSIONER]  
9 under this section constitutes a grant of full authority to act within  
10 the provisions of secs. 580 - 660 of this chapter with the same immuni-  
11 ties and privileges accorded to the state in the performance of these  
12 duties. A person or entity whose electrical wiring installation is  
13 found, by the authorized inspector, not to meet the standards prescribed  
14 has the right to appeal to the board [COMMISSIONER] for a new inspection.  
15 The board [COMMISSIONER] shall, within 15 days, furnish a new inspection  
16 by a designee not associated with the person, firm or utility who did  
17 the original inspection.

18 \* Sec. 9. AS 18.60.620 is amended to read:

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

27 \* Sec. 10. AS 18.60.660 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

28           (5) "board" means the Board of Electrical Examiners estab-  
29 lished in AS 08.40.010.

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\* Sec. 11. AS 18.60.660(1) and (2) are repealed.