

**HOUSE BILL NO. 403**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 1/15/92**

**Referred: Labor & Commerce, Health, Education & Social Services**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to electrical worker safety."

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 18.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4           **Sec. 18.60.042. ELECTRICAL WORKER SAFETY.** (a) When an employee is working  
5           on an energized line or conducting object that carries 5,000 or more volts phase to phase or phase  
6           to ground, an employer shall

7                   (1) require the employee to

8                           (A) use only approved live line tools; and

9                           (B) maintain a distance of at least two and one-half feet from the  
10           energized line or conducting object; the employee shall maintain this distance by using  
11           approved live line tools;

12                   (2) provide the employee with correctly functioning, approved, live line tools for  
13           use on the job;

14                   (3) ensure that live line tools are

1 (A) stored, maintained, and used so as to prevent damage to the tools;  
2 (B) visually inspected and wiped clean each day before their use and, if  
3 defects are discovered, ensure that the tools are removed from service.  
4 (b) An employer may not permit live line tools to be used for purposes other than line  
5 work. The employer shall ensure that wood live line tools are maintained with a surface coating  
6 of varnish or other generally accepted treatment to prevent the absorption of moisture into the  
7 wood. The maintenance, inspection, storage, and use of live line tools shall be in conformance  
8 with the methods and standards recommended by the manufacturer of the tool.