

HOUSE BILL NO. 396

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

Introduced: 1/26/94

Referred: Labor & Commerce

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**
5 **is working on an energized line or conducting object that carries 5,000 or more volts**
6 **phase to phase or phase 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**
10 **the energized line or conducting object; the employee shall maintain this**
11 **distance by using approved live line tools;**

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