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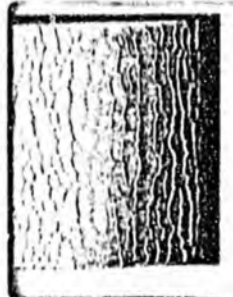
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STRONGLY URGE YOUR SUPPORT AND ACTION ON HB308 TO GET IT  
OUT OF COMMITTEE AND TO THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE PLEASE WORK  
FOR ITS PASSAGE THIS BILL 308 IS MOST IMPORTANT TO AND WILL  
HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY IN ALASKA  
AM INFORMED IT HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE IBEW REGARDS

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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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1. Joe McKinnon, Chairman

2. House Commerce Committee

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Remarks

From A. J. Reed.  
Reed will be at  
the hearing tomorrow  
at 9 A.M.

FROM Burling Prescott, PHSack DATE 4/6/77  
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## MEMORANDUM

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DEPT. OF LABOR

TO: R.D. Molt, Director  
Wage & Hour Division  
Juneau

DATE : March 11, 1977

FROM: A.J. Reed *WJR*  
State Electrical Inspector

SUBJECT:

After reviewing the above subject, I would suggest the following changes, if in order:

Sec. 08.18.026 - Electrical Contractors sub. paragraph (c):

"If the relationship of the only electrical administrator with a registered electrical contractor is terminated, the registration is void 30 days after the next regularly scheduled examination unless the electrical contractor has hired a licensed electrical administrator in the interim."

I interpret this to mean that, hypothetically, a firm could lose their administrator shortly after the scheduled examination and have until the next to procure another. If they were to lose him in May for example, they would have the whole construction season until November to procure another administrator. Unless the board is going to meet more often than twice a year this would defeat the purpose of the requirements of having an administrator. I think this should be tightened up somewhat.

Also there is no provision for stopping a firm with an administrator from picking up contractors who do not have one (which we find from time to time) and putting them on their payroll. The only way I can make this clearer is to call it peddling their license of which we have several doing in the state at this time.

Also I have some input about their regulations. There are some items that will put an extra burden on the enforcement.

I am sending this to you, Russ, so that, in case something got by you, you could make your changes and also perhaps slow down the passage of this bill until we have time to add some input.

The Department of Commerce claims we were asked to be at the hearings, but the only thing I knew about the meetings was rumor until I received a copy of the bill.

I feel this is important and would appreciate your professional opinion.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 11, 1977

Edmund Orbeck, Commissioner  
Department of Labor

H. Phillip Howard  
Commissioner

House Bill 308

As I mentioned to you, House Bill 308, relating to the licensing of electrical contractors, was introduced by the Rules Committee by request of the State Board of Electrical Examiners, an independent regulatory agency charged with developing standards for, and examining the qualifications, skill and ability of electrical contractors in this State. The board is jurisdictionally assigned to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development for all administrative and investigative services. Enforcement of the requirement for licensure is assigned to both the Department of Labor and this department. In no other manner is jurisdiction shared.

Four members of your staff, three identified as Russell Molt, Tony Reed and E. Lee Leland, all of Wage and Hour, and one unidentified woman were present for the House Commerce Committee hearing held April 7, 1977 at 11 a.m. Only one, Tony Reed, testified that day. His testimony was basically negative and in all probability damaged the bill's chances of passage.

In addition to negative comments concerning the bill, Mr. Reed testified that he had never been given an opportunity to review or discuss its provisions and had received no notice of any hearings, although he had heard the board held some. A point of fact, staff members of the Division of Wage and Hour had been personally contacted by members of the Division of Occupational Licensing's staff and advised of the date, time and place of a hearing in Juneau.

That hearing was attended by representatives from the National Electrical Contractors' Association, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, local contractors and this department's staff. Representatives from your staff were conspicuously absent after Sharon Andrew had advised Messrs. Molt and Fenrow of the hearing. The provisions of the bill, as well as accompanying regulations, were thoroughly discussed and compromises reached in all areas of disagreement.

A substantial amount of time and work was devoted to finding reasonable solutions to some of the existing problems in regulating this industry and I am particularly concerned that a member of your staff should appear and testify before a major legislative committee without first advising the sponsoring agency of the substance of his testimony. Further, this legislation is outside the jurisdictional responsibility of the Department of Labor.

Edmund Orbeck

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April 11, 1977

Ed, let's discuss this matter to assure that such does not recur. Also, if your department has a continuing interest in this matter, I would appreciate having an appropriate person contact Sharon Andrew.

Regards.

cc: Honorable Joseph McKinnon  
Chairman, House Commerce Committee