
SENATE BILL 6557

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By Senator Baumgartner

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1 AN ACT Relating to electrician licensing and identification
2 requirements; and amending RCW 19.28.271.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.271 and 2011 c 301 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation,
7 or other entity to employ an individual for purposes of RCW 19.28.161
8 through 19.28.271 who has not been issued a certificate of competency,
9 a temporary permit, or a training certificate. It is unlawful for any
10 individual to engage in the electrical construction trade or to
11 maintain or install any electrical equipment or conductors without
12 having in his or her possession a certificate of competency, a
13 temporary permit, or a training certificate under RCW 19.28.161 through
14 19.28.271, and photo identification. The department may establish by
15 rule a requirement that the individual (~~also wear and visibly display~~
16 ~~his or her certificate or permit~~) produce proof of proper licensing
17 and identification upon request, but the department may not require an
18 individual to wear or visibly display his or her license or personal

1 identification on his or her clothing or person or as part of his or
2 her uniform.

3 (2) Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity
4 found in violation of RCW 19.28.161 through 19.28.271 shall be assessed
5 a penalty of not less than fifty dollars or more than five hundred
6 dollars. The department shall set by rule a schedule of penalties for
7 violating RCW 19.28.161 through 19.28.271. An appeal may be made to
8 the board as is provided in RCW 19.28.131. The appeal shall be filed
9 within twenty days after the notice of the penalty is given to the
10 assessed party using a method by which the mailing can be tracked or
11 the delivery can be confirmed, sent to the last known address of the
12 assessed party and shall be made by filing a written notice of appeal
13 with the department. Any equipment maintained or installed by any
14 person who does not possess a certificate of competency under RCW
15 19.28.161 through 19.28.271 shall not receive an electrical work permit
16 and electrical service shall not be connected or maintained to operate
17 the equipment. Each day that a person, firm, partnership, corporation,
18 or other entity violates RCW 19.28.161 through 19.28.271 is a separate
19 violation.

20 (3) A civil penalty shall be collected in a civil action brought by
21 the attorney general in the county wherein the alleged violation arose
22 at the request of the department if any of RCW 19.28.161 through
23 19.28.271 or any rules adopted under RCW 19.28.161 through 19.28.271
24 are violated.

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