

2 EHB 2053 - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Commerce & Labor

4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 3/12/92

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 19.28.200 and 1980 c 30 s 15 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) No license under the provision of this chapter shall be  
10 required from any utility or any person, firm, partnership,  
11 corporation, or other entity employed by a utility because of work in  
12 connection with the installation ((and/)), repair, or maintenance of  
13 lines ((or)), wires, apparatus, or equipment owned by or under the  
14 control of a utility and used for transmission or distribution of  
15 electricity from the source of supply to the point of contact at the  
16 premises and/or property to be supplied((, or for work in installing or  
17 maintaining or repairing on the premises of customers,)) and service  
18 connections and meters((,)) and other apparatus or appliances used in  
19 the measurement of the consumption of electricity by the customer((s,  
20 or for work in connection with)).

21 (2) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall be  
22 required from any utility because of work in connection with the  
23 installation, repair, or maintenance of the following:

24 (a) Lines, wires, apparatus, or equipment used in the lighting of  
25 streets, alleys, ways, or public areas or squares((, or for the work of  
26 installing, maintaining or repairing wires, apparatus or appliances  
27 used in their business, or in making or distributing electricity, upon  
28 the property owned or operated and managed by them; or for))i

1       (b) Lines, wires, apparatus, or equipment owned by a commercial,  
2 industrial, or public institution customer that are an integral part of  
3 a transmission or distribution system, either overhead or underground,  
4 providing service to such customer and located outside the building or  
5 structure: PROVIDED, That a utility does not initiate the sale of  
6 services to perform such work;

7       (c) Lines and wires, together with ancillary apparatus, and  
8 equipment, owned by a customer that is an independent power producer  
9 who has entered into an agreement for the sale of electricity to a  
10 utility and that are used in transmitting electricity from an  
11 electrical generating unit located on premises used by such customer to  
12 the point of interconnection with the utility's system.

13       (3) Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity  
14 licensed under RCW 19.28.120 may enter into a contract with a utility  
15 for the performance of work under subsection (2) of this section.

16       (4) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall be  
17 required from any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other  
18 entity because of the work of installing and repairing ignition or  
19 lighting systems for motor vehicles(~~(, or as)~~).

20       (5) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall be  
21 required from any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other  
22 entity because of work in connection with the installation, repair, or  
23 maintenance of wires and equipment, and installations thereof, exempted  
24 in RCW 19.28.010."

25       **"Sec. 2.** RCW 19.28.210 and 1989 c 344 s 1 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27       (1) The director shall cause an inspector to inspect all wiring,  
28 appliances, devices, and equipment to which this chapter applies.  
29 Nothing contained in this chapter may be construed as providing any

1 authority for any subdivision of government to adopt by ordinance any  
2 provisions contained or provided for in this chapter except those  
3 pertaining to cities and towns pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(2).

4 (2) Upon request, electrical inspections will be made by the  
5 department within forty-eight hours, excluding holidays, Saturdays, and  
6 Sundays. If, upon written request, the electrical inspector fails to  
7 make an electrical inspection within twenty-four hours, the serving  
8 utility may immediately connect electrical power to the installation if  
9 the necessary electrical work permit is displayed: PROVIDED, That if  
10 the request is for an electrical inspection that relates to a mobile  
11 home installation, the applicant shall provide proof of a current  
12 building permit issued by the local government agency authorized to  
13 issue such permits as a prerequisite for inspection approval or  
14 connection of electrical power to the mobile home.

15 (3) Whenever the installation of any wiring, device, appliance, or  
16 equipment is not in accordance with this chapter, or is in such a  
17 condition as to be dangerous to life or property, the person, firm,  
18 partnership, corporation, or other entity owning, using, or operating  
19 it shall be notified by the department and shall within fifteen days,  
20 or such further reasonable time as may upon request be granted, make  
21 such repairs and changes as are required to remove the danger to life  
22 or property and to make it conform to this chapter. The director,  
23 through the inspector, is hereby empowered to disconnect or order the  
24 discontinuance of electrical service to conductors or equipment that  
25 are found to be in a dangerous or unsafe condition and not in  
26 accordance with this chapter. Upon making a disconnection the  
27 inspector shall attach a notice stating that the conductors have been  
28 found dangerous to life or property and are not in accordance with this  
29 chapter. It is unlawful for any person to reconnect such defective  
30 conductors or equipment without the approval of the department, and

1 until the conductors and equipment have been placed in a safe and  
2 secure condition, and in a condition that complies with this chapter.

3 (4) The director, through the electrical inspector, has the right  
4 during reasonable hours to enter into and upon any building or premises  
5 in the discharge of his or her official duties for the purpose of  
6 making any inspection or test of the installation of new construction  
7 or altered electrical wiring, electrical devices, equipment, or  
8 material contained in or on the buildings or premises. No electrical  
9 wiring or equipment subject to this chapter may be concealed until it  
10 has been approved by the inspector making the inspection.

11 (5) Persons, firms, partnerships, corporations, or other entities  
12 making electrical installations shall obtain inspection and approval  
13 from an authorized representative of the department as required by this  
14 chapter before requesting the electric utility to connect to the  
15 installations. Electric utilities may connect to the installations if  
16 approval is clearly indicated by certification of the electrical work  
17 permit required to be affixed to each installation or by equivalent  
18 means, except that increased or relocated services may be reconnected  
19 immediately at the discretion of the utility before approval if an  
20 electrical work permit is displayed. The permits shall be furnished  
21 upon payment of the fee to the department.

22 (6) The director, subject to the recommendations and approval of  
23 the board, shall set by rule a schedule of license and electrical work  
24 permit fees that will cover the costs of administration and enforcement  
25 of this chapter. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with the  
26 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW. No fee may be charged  
27 for plug-in mobile homes, recreational vehicles, or portable  
28 appliances.

29 (7) Nothing in this chapter shall authorize the inspection of any  
30 wiring, appliance, device, or equipment, or installations thereof, by

1 any utility or by any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other  
2 entity employed by a utility in connection with the installation,  
3 repair, or maintenance of lines, wires, apparatus, or equipment owned  
4 by or under the control of the utility. All work covered by the  
5 national electric code not exempted by the 1981 edition of the national  
6 electric code 90-2(B)(5) shall be inspected by the department."

7 "Sec. 3. RCW 19.28.610 and 1986 c 156 s 16 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be construed to  
10 require that a person obtain a license or a certified electrician in  
11 order to do electrical work at his or her residence or farm or place of  
12 business or on other property owned by him: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That  
13 nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be intended to  
14 derogate from or dispense with the requirements of any valid electrical  
15 code enacted by a city or town pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(2), except  
16 that no code shall require the holder of a certificate of competency to  
17 demonstrate any additional proof of competency or obtain any other  
18 license or pay any fee in order to engage in the electrical  
19 construction trade: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That RCW 19.28.510 through  
20 19.28.620 shall not apply to common carriers subject to Part I of the  
21 Interstate Commerce Act, nor to their officers and employees: AND  
22 PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall  
23 be deemed to apply to the installation or maintenance of telephone,  
24 telegraph, radio, or television wires and equipment; nor to any  
25 electrical utility or its employees((~~r~~)) in the installation((~~s~~)),  
26 repair, and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, and equipment  
27 by or for the utility, or comprising a part of its plants, lines or  
28 systems. The licensing provisions of RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620  
29 shall not apply to:

1       (1) Persons making electrical installations on their own property  
2       ~~((or to))~~;

3       (2) Regularly employed employees working on the premises of their  
4       employer; or

5       (3) Employees of an employer while the employer is performing  
6       utility type work of the nature described in RCW 19.28.200 so long as  
7       such employees have registered in the state of Washington with or  
8       graduated from a state-approved outside lineman apprenticeship course  
9       that is recognized by the department and that qualifies a person to  
10       perform such work:

11       AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620  
12       shall be construed to restrict the right of any householder to assist  
13       or receive assistance from a friend, neighbor, relative or other person  
14       when none of the individuals doing the electrical installation hold  
15       themselves out as engaged in the trade or business of electrical  
16       installations. Nothing precludes any person who is exempt from the  
17       licensing requirements of this chapter under this section from  
18       obtaining a journeyman or specialty certificate of competency if they  
19       otherwise meet the requirements of this chapter."

20       **EHB 2053** - S COMM AMD  
21       By Committee on Commerce & Labor

ADOPTED 3/12/292

23       On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "exemptions;" strike the  
24       remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 19.28.200,  
25       19.28.210, and 19.28.610."