

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1756**

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LICENSED ELECTRICIANS--EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENT TO USE

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BRIAN EBERSOLE

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

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JOEL PRITCHARD

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 30, 1994

MIKE LOWRY

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marilyn Showalter, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1756** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

MARILYN SHOWALTER

**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Voloria, Brumsickle and Casada

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1            AN ACT Relating to exemptions from RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620;  
2 and amending RCW 19.28.610.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.610 and 1992 c 240 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be construed to  
7 require that a person obtain a license or a certified electrician in  
8 order to do electrical work at his or her residence or farm or place of  
9 business or on other property owned by him(~~or~~ ~~PROVIDED, HOWEVER,~~  
10 ~~That~~)) or her unless the electrical work is on the construction of a  
11 new building intended for rent, sale, or lease. However, if the  
12 construction is of a new residential building with up to four units  
13 intended for rent, sale, or lease, the owner may receive an exemption  
14 from the requirement to obtain a license or use a certified electrician  
15 if he or she provides a signed affidavit to the department stating that  
16 he or she will be performing the work and will occupy one of the units  
17 as his or her principal residence. The owner shall apply to the  
18 department for this exemption and may only receive an exemption once  
19 every twenty-four months. It is intended that the owner receiving this

1 exemption shall occupy the unit as his or her principal residence for  
2 twenty-four months after completion of the units. Nothing in RCW  
3 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be intended to derogate from or  
4 dispense with the requirements of any valid electrical code enacted by  
5 a city or town pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(~~((+2))~~)(3), except that no code  
6 shall require the holder of a certificate of competency to demonstrate  
7 any additional proof of competency or obtain any other license or pay  
8 any fee in order to engage in the electrical construction trade(~~((+ AND~~  
9 ~~PROVIDED FURTHER, That))~~). RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall not  
10 apply to common carriers subject to Part I of the Interstate Commerce  
11 Act, nor to their officers and employees(~~((+ AND PROVIDED FURTHER,~~  
12 ~~That))~~). Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be deemed to  
13 apply to the installation or maintenance of telephone, telegraph,  
14 radio, or television wires and equipment; nor to any electrical utility  
15 or its employees in the installation, repair, and maintenance of  
16 electrical wiring, circuits, and equipment by or for the utility, or  
17 comprising a part of its plants, lines or systems. The licensing  
18 provisions of RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall not apply to:

19 (1) Persons making electrical installations on their own  
20 property(~~((+~~  
21 ~~+2))~~) or to regularly employed employees working on the premises of  
22 their employer, unless the electrical work is on the construction of a  
23 new building intended for rent, sale, or lease; or

24 (~~((+3))~~) (2) Employees of an employer while the employer is  
25 performing utility type work of the nature described in RCW 19.28.200  
26 so long as such employees have registered in the state of Washington  
27 with or graduated from a state-approved outside lineman apprenticeship  
28 course that is recognized by the department and that qualifies a person  
29 to perform such work(~~((+~~

30 (~~AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That~~))

31 Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be construed to  
32 restrict the right of any householder to assist or receive assistance  
33 from a friend, neighbor, relative or other person when none of the  
34 individuals doing the electrical installation hold themselves out as  
35 engaged in the trade or business of electrical installations. Nothing  
36 precludes any person who is exempt from the licensing requirements of  
37 this chapter under this section from obtaining a journeyman or  
38 specialty certificate of competency if they otherwise meet the  
39 requirements of this chapter.

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