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SENATE BILL 5434

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By Senator Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to electricians; and amending RCW 19.28.091.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.091 and 2001 c 211 s 6 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

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

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

18 (a) Lines, wires, apparatus, or equipment used in the lighting of  
19 streets, alleys, ways, or public areas or squares;

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 19.28.041 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.

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 (6) The department may by rule exempt from licensing requirements  
26 under this chapter work performed on premanufactured electric power  
27 generation equipment assemblies and control gear involving the testing,  
28 repair, modification, maintenance, or installation of components  
29 internal to the power generation equipment, the control gear, or the  
30 transfer switch.

31 (7) A certified electrician who is not licensed as an electrical  
32 contractor may perform installation, repair, or maintenance of wires  
33 and equipment for a nonprofit corporation, as defined in RCW 24.03.005,  
34 provided that these repairs are performed for no compensation.  
35 Certified electricians who perform such repairs are subject to  
36 department permitting and inspections.

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