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**SENATE BILL 6089**

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**By** Senators King, Keiser, and Mullet; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating certain minimum requirement  
2 equivalencies for electrical inspectors; and amending RCW 19.28.321.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.321 and 2007 c 218 s 84 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 The director of labor and industries of the state of Washington  
7 and the officials of all incorporated cities and towns where  
8 electrical inspections are required by local ordinances shall have  
9 power and it shall be their duty to enforce the provisions of this  
10 chapter in their respective jurisdictions. The director of labor and  
11 industries shall appoint a chief electrical inspector and may appoint  
12 other electrical inspectors as the director deems necessary to assist  
13 the director in the performance of the director's duties. The chief  
14 electrical inspector, subject to the review of the director, shall be  
15 responsible for providing the final interpretation of adopted state  
16 electrical standards, rules, and policies for the department and its  
17 inspectors, assistant inspectors, electrical plan examiners, and  
18 other individuals supervising electrical program personnel. If a  
19 dispute arises within the department regarding the interpretation of  
20 adopted state electrical standards, rules, or policies, the chief  
21 electrical inspector, subject to the review of the director, shall

1 provide the final interpretation of the disputed standard, rule, or  
2 policy. All electrical inspectors appointed by the director of labor  
3 and industries shall have not less than: Four years experience as  
4 (~~journeyperson~~) journey level electricians in the electrical  
5 construction trade installing and maintaining electrical wiring and  
6 equipment (~~(, or two years electrical training in a college of~~  
7 ~~electrical engineering of recognized standing and four years~~  
8 ~~continuous practical electrical experience in installation work, or~~  
9 ~~four years of electrical training in a college of electrical~~  
10 ~~engineering of recognized standing and two years continuous practical~~  
11 ~~electrical experience in electrical installation work)); or four  
12 years experience as a (~~journeyperson~~) journey level electrician  
13 performing the duties of an electrical inspector employed by the  
14 department or a city or town with an approved inspection program  
15 under RCW 19.28.141, except that for work performed in accordance  
16 with the national electrical safety code and covered by this chapter,  
17 such inspections may be performed by a person certified as an outside  
18 journeyperson lineworker, under RCW 19.28.261(5)(b), with four years  
19 experience or a person with four years experience as a certified  
20 outside journeyperson lineworker performing the duties of an  
21 electrical inspector employed by an electrical utility. Such state  
22 inspectors shall be paid such salary as the director of labor and  
23 industries shall determine, together with their travel expenses in  
24 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or  
25 hereafter amended. As a condition of employment, inspectors hired  
26 exclusively to perform inspections in accordance with the national  
27 electrical safety code must possess and maintain certification as an  
28 outside journeyperson lineworker. The expenses of the director of  
29 labor and industries and the salaries and expenses of state  
30 inspectors incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter  
31 shall be paid entirely out of the electrical license fund, upon  
32 vouchers approved by the director of labor and industries.~~

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