

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 137, As Amended

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION
2 54-1016, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A CERTAIN EXEMPTION; AND DECLARING AN
3 EMERGENCY.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 54-1016. EXEMPTIONS. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to
9 apply to:

10 (a) Any regulated utility, telephone company, rural telephone cooper-
11 ative or municipal communications utility, or its employees, in the in-
12 stallation or maintenance of communication circuits, wires and apparat-
13 us by or for such entities or their communications service customers;

14 (b) Any electrical public utility, or its employees, in the instal-
15 lation and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, apparatus and
16 equipment by or for such public utility, or comprising a part of its
17 plants, lines or system;

18 (c) Modular buildings as defined in section 39-4301, Idaho Code, that
19 are constructed in the state of Idaho for installation on building sites
20 outside the state; provided however, that no modular building shall be
21 installed on a building site in the state of Idaho until it has been ap-
22 proved and bears the insignia of approval of the division as being in
23 compliance with the requirements set forth in section 39-4304, Idaho
24 Code.

25 (2) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

26 (a) Any property owner performing noncommercial electrical work in the
27 owner's primary or secondary residence, or associated outbuildings or
28 land associated with the entire property on which those buildings sit,
29 except that homeowner installations of renewable power generation con-
30 connected to the community power grid shall be subject to a pre-plan review
31 in accordance with local jurisdictions' policies and procedures prior
32 to the purchase of a permit;

33 (b) Any person regularly employed as a maintenance electrician per-
34 forming electrical maintenance work on the premises of the person's
35 employer;

36 (c) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal
37 communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees
38 of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under
39 the exclusive control of the telephone company, rural telephone cooper-
40 ative, or municipal communications utility;

41 (d) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal
42 communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employ-

1 ees of the subsidiaries performing repair work on customer-owned facil-
2 ities at the request of the customer;

3 (e) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, mu-
4 nicipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees
5 of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under
6 the exclusive control of the electrical public utility, rural electri-
7 cal cooperative, or municipal power utility; and

8 (f) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, mu-
9 nicipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees
10 of the subsidiaries performing emergency repair work on customer-owned
11 facilities at the request of the customer.

12 (3) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to indi-
13 viduals licensed pursuant to chapter 50, title 54, Idaho Code, or certifi-
14 cated pursuant to chapter 26, title 54, Idaho Code, as follows:

15 (a) Individuals holding a current heating, ventilation and air condi-
16 tioning (HVAC) license or a current plumbing certification may install
17 electrical circuitry from the disconnecting means to a water heater and
18 electrical connections to the water heater as long as the disconnect is
19 in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to
20 the water heater is no more than fifty (50) feet long.

21 (b) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install:

22 (i) Electrical space heaters with no attached ductwork;

23 (ii) Electrical connections to HVAC equipment from the discon-
24 necting means to the unit as long as the disconnect is in sight from
25 the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the HVAC
26 equipment is no more than fifty (50) feet long; and

27 (iii) Ventilating fans, except ducted range hoods in residences.

28 (c) HVAC licensees may install control wiring of twenty-four (24) volt
29 or less for HVAC equipment of five (5) tons or less in capacity. Plumb-
30 ing certificate holders are not authorized to install control wiring in
31 HVAC equipment, regardless of voltage.

32 (4) To the extent that a plumbing or HVAC installation permit issued by
33 the Idaho division of building safety includes any part of an electrical in-
34 stallation, the permit issued and inspection performed shall be sufficient
35 to satisfy the permitting and inspecting requirements of this chapter if all
36 required permit fees have been paid.

37 (5) Approval and certification requirements of product and equipment
38 as set forth in this chapter and in the adopted edition of the national elec-
39 trical code do not apply to industrial equipment unless the board has made a
40 determination that such product, machine or classes of products and machines
41 present an undue hazard to life and property.

42 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
43 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
44 passage and approval.