

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0015

Electrical safety and fire prevention-revisions.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to electrical safety and fire prevention;
2 providing authority for the chief electrical inspector to
3 investigate electrocutions; clarifying duties of the
4 department of electrical safety and fire prevention, the
5 council on fire prevention and electrical safety in
6 buildings and the electrical board; transferring rulemaking
7 authority to the department of electrical safety and fire
8 prevention; providing definitions; providing for amendment
9 of plan reviews; providing for phased applications for plan
10 reviews; amending projects requiring plan reviews;
11 providing for suspension or restriction of licenses for
12 failure to pay child support; providing for supremacy of
13 the National Electrical Code; amending certain fees;
14 specifying qualifications for local inspectors; providing
15 for reversion of enforcement authority; modifying appeals
16 process from local inspection authorities to the

1 department; providing for reciprocal licenses; amending
2 license fee revenue allocations; and providing for an
3 effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-9-131 is created to read:

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9 **35-9-131. Investigation of electrocutions; powers of**
10 **chief electrical inspector.**

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12 (a) Except in cases where a federal agency has and
13 asserts the right to control an investigation under
14 applicable federal law or when an entity or activity
15 involved is regulated by the Wyoming public service
16 commission, the chief electrical inspector, or his
17 designee, may investigate the cause, origin and
18 circumstances of each incident of electrocution or serious
19 injury from electrical contact occurring in the state. In
20 cases where more than one (1) agency has investigative
21 authority over the incident, all agencies shall work
22 together to fully investigate.

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1 (b) In performing the duties imposed by this section,
2 the chief electrical inspector, or his designee, may:

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4 (i) Enter and examine any property, building or
5 premises where any incident occurred;

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7 (ii) Enter any property, building or premises
8 adjacent to that in which an incident occurred;

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10 (iii) Take full control and custody of the
11 buildings and premises until his examinations and
12 investigations are completed; and

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14 (iv) Take testimony under oath and cause the
15 testimony to be reduced to writing. In taking testimony
16 and performing an investigation, the chief electrical
17 inspector or his designee may:

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19 (A) Subpoena witnesses and compel their
20 attendance before him;

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22 (B) Cause to be produced papers he requires
23 in the examination; and

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1 (C) Administer oaths and affirmations to
2 persons appearing as witnesses before him.

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4 (c) When the examination discloses that an incident
5 involved criminal activity, the chief electrical inspector
6 shall transmit a copy of the testimony to the district
7 attorney for the county where the incident occurred.

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9 (d) As used in this section, "incident" means an
10 event in which a person is seriously injured or killed as a
11 result of transient electrical current from an electrical
12 device or installation.

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14 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-9-102(a)(i) and (ii), 35-9-103(c),
15 35-9-106(a)(i)(intro), (iv) and (b), 35-9-107(a)(ii) and
16 (b)(iii), 35-9-108(b), (d), (n), (q)(ii), (iii), by
17 creating a new subsection (s) and by amending and
18 renumbering (s) as (t), 35-9-119 by creating new
19 subsections (b) and (c), 35-9-120(a), (c)(intro), (ii), (e)
20 and (f), 35-9-121(a), (c) through (e) and by creating a new
21 subsection (f), 35-9-121.1(d)(ii), 35-9-123(a)(vi),
22 35-9-124(a)(ii), (c), (d) and by creating a new subsection
23 (g), 35-9-125(a) through (c), 35-9-126(a) through (d),

1 35-9-127 and 35-9-129(a)(intro) and (b) are amended to
2 read:

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4 **35-9-102. Definitions.**

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6 (a) As used in W.S. 35-9-101 through 35-9-130:

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8 (i) "Apprentice electrician" means a person who
9 has insufficient qualifications to be a journeyman
10 electrician and is hired by a licensed electrical
11 contractor to assist a licensed journeyman or master
12 electrician. ~~From and after March 1, 1994,~~ An apprentice
13 electrician must be registered with the department of fire
14 prevention and electrical safety and must be enrolled in a
15 bona fide program of training approved by the bureau of
16 apprenticeship and training, United States department of
17 labor, or present evidence directly to the ~~board~~ department
18 that he is enrolled in an apprentice training program which
19 provides training equivalent to a program approved by the
20 bureau of apprenticeship and training, United States
21 department of labor;

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23 (ii) "Apprentice technician" means a person who
24 has insufficient qualifications to be a low voltage or a

1 limited technician and is hired by a licensed electrical
2 contractor, low voltage contractor, or limited contractor
3 to assist a licensed low voltage or limited technician. An
4 apprentice technician must be registered with the
5 department of fire prevention and electrical safety and
6 must be enrolled in a training program as approved by the
7 ~~board~~department;

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9 **35-9-103. Divisions created; council and board**
10 **created.**

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12 (c) The board consists of five (5) members appointed
13 by the governor for six (6) year terms. At least one (1)
14 member and no more than two (2) members shall be journeymen
15 electricians, at least one (1) and no more than two (2)
16 shall be master electricians, and at least one (1) and no
17 more than two (2) shall be electrical contractors. No two
18 (2) members shall be employed by the same entity and serve
19 on the board. Any member who becomes employed by the same
20 entity as another member during his term of office shall be
21 ineligible to continue as a member of the board. Vacancies
22 shall be filled for the unexpired term. When new
23 appointments are made, the board shall select a chairman, a
24 vice chairman and a secretary. A quorum consists of three

1 (3) members. The board shall meet at least twice each
2 year.

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4 **35-9-106. Powers and duties of council.**

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6 (a) The council shall adopt rules and regulations to:

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8 (i) Establish minimum fire standards not
9 exceeding the standards prescribed by the International
10 Fire Code, the International Building Code, the
11 International Mechanical Code, the International Existing
12 Building Code and the International Fuel Gas Code for:

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14 (iv) Implement this ~~article~~ section.

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16 (b) The council shall ~~investigate the conduct of the~~
17 ~~divisions, shall~~ have access to records of the divisions
18 and may require written or oral information from any
19 officer or employee of the department when conducting
20 investigations pursuant to W.S. 35-9-108(p) and 35-9-117.

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22 **35-9-107. Duties and powers of state fire marshal.**

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24 (a) The state fire marshal shall:

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(ii) ~~Enforce~~ Adopt regulations ~~promulgated by~~
~~the~~ in consultation with the board and council to implement
this article, excluding the provisions of W.S. 35-9-106 and
35-9-124;

(b) The state fire marshal may:

(iii) Deputize a member of a fire department who
is approved by the chief of his department, or a local
building inspector approved by the local governmental
entity, provided that the person is qualified to inspect,
investigate and carry out orders for the state fire marshal
under the rules adopted by the ~~council~~ department;

35-9-108. Plan review; procedure; fees.

(b) If the state fire marshal does not notify the
sender in writing of violations of the fire or electrical
safety standards within twenty-one (21) working days of
receiving the plans, they are approved as submitted. If
code deficiencies are discovered through inspection by the
fire marshal during the construction or remodeling of

1 buildings, the plan and plan review shall be amended to
2 bring the building into compliance with applicable codes.

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4 (d) The department shall collect fees for plan
5 reviews and other inspections except as provided in
6 subsections (q) and (r) of this section, in the amount
7 provided in the 1997 Uniform Building Code and adjusted for
8 inflation as adopted by rule or regulation by the ~~council~~
9 department. Fees collected under this subsection shall be
10 deposited into the general fund.

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12 (n) After new construction or remodeling of buildings
13 is completed, the state fire marshal shall inspect the
14 building and determine conformance with the plan review or
15 amended plan review. If he finds conformance, the state
16 fire marshal shall issue a certificate of occupancy for a
17 newly constructed building and a letter of compliance for a
18 remodeled building. No newly constructed or remodeled
19 building shall be used or occupied until the state fire
20 marshal has issued a certificate of occupancy or letter of
21 compliance. If a newly constructed or remodeled building
22 is used or occupied prior to the issuance of a certificate
23 of occupancy or letter of compliance, the state fire
24 marshal shall order the use and occupancy of the building

1 to cease until a certificate of occupancy or letter of
2 compliance is issued, subject to the requirements of
3 subsection (m) of this section.

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5 (q) A plan review is:

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7 (ii) Required for remodeling that costs less
8 than ~~twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~ forty
9 thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) and affects a built-in fire
10 protection system for the building, provided a fee of no
11 more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour shall be paid to
12 the department for the review;

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14 (iii) Required for remodeling that costs ~~twenty~~
15 ~~five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~ forty thousand dollars
16 (\$40,000.00) or more, provided the department shall collect
17 a fee pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

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19 (s) Plan reviews may be submitted in phases so that
20 work may begin on the first phase of a project upon
21 approval of the plans for that phase. Subsequent work may
22 begin on each successive phase as plans are approved for
23 each successive phase. Plans for fire alarm systems and

1 fire sprinkler systems shall be submitted as successive
2 phase plans after the initial plans are approved.

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4 ~~(s)~~(t) Subsections (a) through ~~(r)~~—(s) shall not
5 apply to remodeling that is exempt under subsection (q).

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7 **35-9-119. Duties of chief electrical inspector.**

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9 (b) The chief electrical inspector may investigate
10 electrocution incidents that occur in the state pursuant to
11 W.S. 35-9-131.

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13 (c) Upon receipt from the department of family
14 services of a certified copy of an order from a court to
15 withhold, suspend or otherwise restrict a license issued by
16 the chief electrical inspector, the chief electrical
17 inspector shall notify the party named in the court order
18 of the withholding, suspension or restriction of the
19 license in accordance with the terms of the court order.

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21 **35-9-120. Minimum requirements for electrical**
22 **installations; permits; inspections; fees.**

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1 (a) The installation of electric equipment in or on
 2 buildings, mobile homes and premises shall be made subject
 3 to the applicable minimum requirements of the National
 4 Electrical Code. To the extent that any provision in the
 5 International Fire Code, the International Building Code,
 6 the International Mechanical Code, the International
 7 Existing Building Code and the International Fuel Gas Code
 8 conflicts with the standards prescribed by the National
 9 Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code shall
 10 control.

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 12 (c) For any requested electrical inspection conducted
 13 or electrical wiring permit issued by the chief electrical
 14 inspector or his deputy, a fee established by the ~~board~~
 15 department by rule shall be paid by the person or
 16 contractor making the request. The electrical wiring
 17 permit fee shall be waived for anyone requesting and paying
 18 for an electrical inspection. The fees established by the
 19 ~~board~~ department shall not exceed the following:

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 21 (ii) ~~Effective July 1, 1993,~~ Electrical wiring
 22 permit fees..... ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00

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1 (e) No person shall install electrical equipment in
2 new construction or remodeling, if the remodeling requires
3 a public utility to connect or disconnect and restore
4 electrical power, of a building, mobile home or premises
5 without obtaining an electrical wiring permit. No public
6 utility shall energize an electrical service for an
7 electrical installation which requires an electrical wiring
8 permit until the person responsible for the electrical
9 installation has obtained an electrical wiring permit. A
10 utility may energize an electrical service in an emergency
11 situation without proof that an electrical wiring permit
12 has been obtained, however the utility shall notify the
13 department ~~of fire prevention and electrical safety~~ of the
14 action as soon as possible, but in no case later than five
15 (5) days following the date that the electrical service was
16 energized. Electrical wiring permits shall be issued by the
17 chief electrical inspector upon request. Each permit shall
18 explain procedures and costs for permits and requested
19 inspections conducted by the chief electrical inspector or
20 his deputy electrical inspectors. This subsection does not
21 apply to municipalities and counties granted local
22 enforcement authority for electrical safety standards under
23 W.S. 35-9-121 and to exempt installations under W.S.
24 35-9-123(a)(ii) through (v).

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2 (f) ~~Fifty percent (50%)~~ Sixty percent (60%) of the
3 fees collected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section
4 shall be deposited in a separate account for the purpose of
5 providing additional state electrical inspectors. ~~Fifty~~
6 ~~percent (50%)~~ Forty percent (40%) of the fees collected
7 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall be
8 deposited in the general fund.

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10 **35-9-121. Local enforcement.**

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12 (a) The state fire marshal shall delegate complete
13 authority to municipalities and counties which apply to
14 enforce and interpret local or state fire, building,
15 existing building standards or electrical safety standards
16 which meet the requirements of this section. The state
17 fire marshal shall notify the governing body of the
18 municipality or county of the minimum standards and
19 requirements of this act and W.S. 16-6-501 and 16-6-502 and
20 transfer jurisdiction and authority by letter. Nothing in
21 this section affects the authority of the state fire
22 marshal or chief electrical inspector regarding state owned
23 or leased buildings. Local enforcement authority under

1 this subsection shall be subject to the following
2 requirements and certification of inspectors:

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4 (i) Before a municipality or county without
5 local enforcement authority is initially granted local
6 enforcement authority for fire, building, existing building
7 standards or electrical standards the state fire marshal
8 shall determine that the local governing body has adopted
9 minimum standards by ordinance or resolution that are
10 equivalent to or more stringent than those applicable
11 standards adopted by the ~~council on fire prevention and~~
12 ~~electrical safety~~ department;

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14 (ii) If a municipality or county that has been
15 granted local enforcement authority under this subsection
16 fails to adopt, within six (6) months following the
17 adoption of new standards by the ~~council on fire prevention~~
18 ~~and electrical safety~~ department, or maintain standards by
19 ordinance or resolution that at least meet the statewide
20 standards, enforcement authority shall immediately revert
21 to the department. ~~of fire prevention and electrical~~
22 ~~safety.~~ It shall be the responsibility of the municipality
23 or county to notify the department ~~of fire prevention and~~

1 ~~electrical safety~~ of the repeal of minimum standards in
2 their jurisdiction;

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4 (iii) If code enforcement authority for fire and
5 building codes is requested, certification of a fire
6 inspector or building inspector by the International Code
7 Council or the International Conference of Building
8 Officials is required for any inspector employed or
9 contracted after July 1, 2010 to enforce those codes for
10 the municipality or county;

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12 (iv) If code enforcement authority for the
13 electrical code is requested, certification of an
14 electrical inspector by the International Code Council or
15 the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and
16 licensing by the state as a journeyman or master
17 electrician is required;

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19 (v) If a municipality or county that has been
20 granted local enforcement authority under this subsection
21 fails to maintain employment of an inspector holding any
22 certification required by this subsection, enforcement
23 authority shall revert to the department one hundred twenty
24 (120) days after the last day the properly certified

1 inspector has left the employment of the municipality or
2 county. It shall be the responsibility of the municipality
3 or county to notify the department upon the termination of
4 employment of any certified inspector required by this
5 subsection.

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7 (c) If a municipality or county has assumed
8 enforcement authority for only one (1) or two (2) of the
9 fire, building and electrical standards, the municipality
10 or county shall deliver notice of any project plans
11 submitted to the municipality or county for approval to the
12 department. ~~of fire prevention and electrical safety.~~ The
13 notice of the project shall be delivered within ten (10)
14 days of receiving plans from the applicant.

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16 (d) A municipality or county which has enforcement
17 authority under this section ~~may~~ shall create its own
18 appeals boards to determine the suitability of alternate
19 materials and types of construction. The boards shall be
20 appointed and removed by the governing body of the
21 municipality or county, but the person making the decision
22 upon which the appeal is based shall not be a member of the
23 appeal board. ~~The council on fire prevention and electrical~~
24 ~~safety in buildings and the electrical board shall serve as~~

1 ~~appeals boards for a municipality or county that has not~~
2 ~~created an appeals board under this subsection.~~

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4 (e) A decision rendered by the local municipal or
5 county appeals board pursuant to subsection (d) of this
6 section ~~regarding state owned or leased buildings~~ may be
7 appealed to the council on fire prevention and electrical
8 safety in buildings for a final decision. A decision of the
9 council may be appealed to the appropriate district court.

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11 (f) Any appeal to a local board under subsection (d)
12 of this section or the council under subsection (e) of this
13 section shall be heard within thirty (30) days of the
14 request for appeal.

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16 **35-9-121.1. Health care facilities; jurisdiction;**
17 **delegation; rules.**

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19 (d) Upon written request from any county or
20 municipality, the department of health shall delegate plan
21 review and inspection responsibilities to the county or
22 municipality that has personnel who are certified pursuant
23 to the applicable code. The department of health shall
24 transfer jurisdiction and authority by letter. The

1 department of health shall notify the governing body of the
2 municipality or county of the minimum standards and
3 requirements under this section and W.S. 16-6-501 and
4 16-6-502. The following shall apply:

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6 (ii) A municipality or county which has
7 enforcement authority under this subsection ~~may~~shall
8 create its own appeals board to determine the suitability
9 of alternate materials and types of construction.~~If a~~
10 ~~municipality or county has not created an appeals board,~~
11 ~~the department of health shall establish an appeals board~~
12 ~~which includes representation from the department of health~~
13 ~~and the council.~~

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15 **35-9-123. Electrical installations to be performed by**
16 **licensed electricians; exceptions.**

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18 (a) Licensed electrical contractors employing
19 licensed master or journeymen electricians, or registered
20 apprentice electricians supervised by a licensed master or
21 journeyman electrician shall install all electrical
22 equipment. This requirement is waived for:

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1 (vi) Buildings constructed by a school or
2 community college district as part of an industrial arts
3 curriculum, under the direct supervision of a qualified
4 industrial arts instructor. The school or community
5 college district shall have the installations inspected by
6 the state electrical inspector's office or the ~~home-rule~~
7 local enforcement authority, whichever has jurisdiction, to
8 ensure compliance with W.S. 35-9-120;

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10 **35-9-124. Powers and duties of board; appeals.**

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12 (a) The board shall:

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14 (ii) Regarding the installation of electrical
15 equipment and electrical safety standards, hear appeals to
16 determine the suitability of alternate materials and type
17 of construction and to interpret and grant variances from
18 ~~rules and regulations of the council~~ the National
19 Electrical Code.

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21 (c) The board ~~shall~~ may suspend or cancel the license
22 of any licensee for ~~flagrant~~ a repeated or serious
23 violation of this act or the rules and regulations of the
24 board. A serious violation is any violation that poses a

1 risk of injury or death to persons or is likely to result
2 in property damage exceeding two thousand five hundred
3 dollars (\$2,500.00). A repeated violation is one that
4 occurs within two (2) years of any previously documented
5 violation.

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7 (d) ~~Except as provided by subsection (c) of this~~
8 ~~section, Any person whose application for a license is~~
9 ~~denied, who is otherwise disciplined or whose license is~~
10 suspended, cancelled or refused by the board may appeal to
11 the appropriate district court.

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13 (g) The board may enter into and approve reciprocal
14 license agreements with other states if such agreements
15 conform with the conditions and minimum standards required
16 under W.S. 35-9-126(d).

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18 **35-9-125. Electrical contractor's, low voltage**
19 **electrical contractor's and limited electrical contractor's**
20 **licenses.**

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22 (a) On or before July 1 of each year, an electrical
23 contractor shall file with the chief electrical inspector a
24 license application in writing for each of his firms. The

1 applicant shall be or actively employ in a full-time
2 capacity a licensed master electrician of record who
3 assumes responsibility to ensure that the National
4 Electrical Code, W.S. 35-9-120 through 35-9-130 and
5 applicable rules of the department ~~of fire prevention and~~
6 ~~electrical safety~~ are adhered to on all electrical work
7 undertaken by the electrical contractor in the state of
8 Wyoming, and who is not the master electrician of record
9 for, or employed by, any other electrical contractor. The
10 electrical contractor shall pay the fee required by W.S.
11 35-9-129 for each firm operated by him. If the applicant
12 qualifies, he shall receive a license which bears the date
13 of issue and expires on July 1 next following the date of
14 issue.

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16 (b) On or before July 1 of each year, a low voltage
17 electrical contractor shall file with the chief electrical
18 inspector a license application in writing for each of his
19 firms. The applicant shall be or actively employ in a
20 full-time capacity a licensed low voltage technician of
21 record who assumes responsibility to ensure that the
22 National Electrical Code, W.S. 35-9-120 through 35-9-130
23 and applicable rules of the department ~~of fire prevention~~
24 ~~and electrical safety~~ are adhered to on all electrical work

1 undertaken by the low voltage electrical contractor in the
2 state of Wyoming, and who is not the low voltage technician
3 of record for, or employed by, any other low voltage
4 electrical contractor. The low voltage electrical
5 contractor shall pay the fee required by W.S. 35-9-129 for
6 each firm operated by him. The low voltage electrical
7 contractor's license fee shall be waived for any low
8 voltage electrical contractor not employing additional low
9 voltage technicians or low voltage apprentice technicians
10 other than himself. If the applicant qualifies, he shall
11 receive a license which bears the date of issue and expires
12 on July 1 next following the date of issue.

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14 (c) On or before July 1 of each year, a limited
15 electrical contractor shall file with the chief electrical
16 inspector a license application in writing for each of his
17 firms. The applicant shall be or actively employ in a
18 full-time capacity a licensed limited technician of record
19 who assumes responsibility to ensure that the National
20 Electrical Code, W.S. 35-9-120 through 35-9-130 and
21 applicable rules of the department ~~of fire prevention and~~
22 ~~electrical safety~~ are adhered to on all electrical work
23 undertaken by the limited electrical contractor in the
24 state of Wyoming, and who is not the limited technician of

1 record for, or employed by, any other limited electrical
2 contractor. The limited electrical contractor shall pay
3 the fee required by W.S. 35-9-129 for each firm operated by
4 him. The limited electrical contractor's license fee shall
5 be waived for any limited electrical contractor not
6 employing additional limited technicians or limited
7 apprentice technicians other than himself. If the
8 applicant qualifies, he shall receive a license which bears
9 the date of issue and expires on July 1 next following the
10 date of issue.

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12 **35-9-126. Licensing of master electricians,**
13 **journeymen electricians, low voltage technicians, limited**
14 **technicians; temporary permits; reciprocal licenses; master**
15 **electrician of record for only 1 electrical contractor;**
16 **technician of record for only 1 low voltage or limited**
17 **electrical contractor.**

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19 (a) Applicants for master electrician, journeymen
20 electrician, low voltage technician and limited technician
21 licenses shall apply to the chief electrical inspector on a
22 form furnished by the ~~board~~department and accompanied by
23 the required examination fee. The form shall state the
24 applicant's full name, his address, the extent of his

1 experience and other information required by the board
2 department. An applicant who complies with the rules of the
3 ~~board~~-department, is qualified, successfully completes the
4 examination and pays the required license fee shall be
5 issued the proper license by the chief electrical inspector
6 which bears the date of issue. A master license shall
7 expire on July 1 in the third year following the year of
8 issue. A journeyman license shall expire on January 1 in
9 the third year following the year of issue. A low voltage
10 technician license shall expire on July 1 in the third year
11 following the year of issue. A limited technician license
12 shall expire on July 1 in the third year following the year
13 of issue. Credit for time spent in any electrical school
14 shall be given to master electricians, journeyman
15 electricians, low voltage technicians or limited
16 technicians for time spent in classes up to a total of two
17 (2) years, or four thousand (4,000) hours, on the work
18 experience requirements.

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20 (b) Each master electrician, journeyman electrician,
21 low voltage technician or limited technician licensed under
22 this act may renew his license by paying fifty percent
23 (50%) of the proper license fee to the state of Wyoming.
24 Master and journeymen electricians shall provide proof of

1 attendance at not less than sixteen (16) hours of training
2 in the National Electric Code or in advances in the
3 electrical industry meeting criteria established by the
4 ~~board~~department on or before the date his license expires.
5 At least eight (8) of the required sixteen (16) hours of
6 training shall specifically cover the National Electrical
7 Code. An electrician or technician who applies for renewal
8 of his expired license within forty-five (45) days after
9 its expiration and is otherwise entitled to renewal of his
10 license shall have his license renewed by paying an
11 additional fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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13 (c) The ~~board~~department shall issue temporary
14 permits to engage in the work of a journeyman electrician,
15 low voltage technician or limited technician to a person
16 who applies, furnishes satisfactory evidence of experience
17 to qualify for the examination and pays the required fee.
18 Temporary permits shall continue in effect not longer than
19 one hundred fifty (150) days and may be revoked by the
20 ~~board~~department at any time.

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22 (d) The ~~board~~department may issue a reciprocal
23 license to any applicant for a journeyman electrician,
24 master electrician, low voltage technician or limited

1 technician license if the applicant has obtained an out-of-
2 state or foreign license through an examination which is
3 equal to or exceeds the Wyoming journeyman electrician's,
4 master electrician's, low voltage technician's or limited
5 technician's examination.

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7 **35-9-127. Apprentice electricians and apprentice**
8 **technicians.**

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10 (a) An electrical contractor may employ apprentice
11 electricians to assist a licensed journeyman or master
12 electrician. From and after March 1, 1994, apprentice
13 electricians shall be enrolled in a bona fide program of
14 training approved by the bureau of apprenticeship and
15 training, United States department of labor, or present
16 evidence directly to the ~~board~~department that he is
17 enrolled in an apprentice training program which provides
18 training equivalent to a program approved by the bureau of
19 apprenticeship and training, United States department of
20 labor. The ~~board~~department may monitor the apprenticeship
21 programs and receive necessary progress reports. For
22 purposes of determining whether a program provides
23 equivalent training the ~~board~~department shall consider and
24 apply the current bureau of apprenticeship and training

1 standards. Apprentice electricians shall register with the
2 department ~~of fire prevention and electrical safety~~ and
3 update the registration yearly as required by the ~~board~~
4 department. The electrical contractor shall notify the
5 chief electrical inspector in writing of the name and
6 address of each apprentice electrician employed, and the
7 date of employment or termination of employment within ten
8 (10) days of the action. A licensed journeyman or master
9 electrician shall supervise each apprentice electrician. A
10 licensed journeyman or master electrician shall not
11 supervise more than two (2) apprentice electricians at the
12 same time.

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14 (b) A low voltage or limited electrical contractor
15 may employ apprentice technicians to assist a licensed
16 technician. Apprentice technicians shall be enrolled in a
17 program of training as approved by the ~~board~~ department.
18 Apprentice technicians shall register with the department
19 ~~of fire prevention and electrical safety~~ and update the
20 registration yearly as required by the ~~board~~ department.
21 The low voltage or limited electrical contractor shall
22 notify the chief electrical inspector in writing of the
23 name and address of each apprentice technician employed,
24 and the date of employment or termination of employment

1 within ten (10) days of the action. A licensed technician
2 shall supervise each apprentice technician. A licensed
3 technician shall not supervise more than one (1) apprentice
4 technician at the same time.

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6 **35-9-129. Fees.**

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8 (a) The fees for licenses, work permits, examinations
9 and apprentice registrations shall be determined by the
10 ~~board~~ department but shall not exceed:

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12 (b) ~~Fifty percent (50%)~~ Sixty percent (60%) of the
13 fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
14 shall be deposited in a separate account for the purpose of
15 providing additional state electrical inspectors. ~~Fifty~~
16 ~~percent (50%)~~ Forty percent (40%) of the fees collected
17 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be
18 deposited in the general fund.

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20 **Section 3.** W.S. 35-9-106(a)(iii) and (e) and
21 35-9-124(e) are repealed.

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1 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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