

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0061

Low voltage electrical installation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Kroeker and Vranish

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to electrical safety; exempting low voltage
2 installations and repairs from licensure requirements;
3 providing conforming amendments; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-9-102(a)(ii) and (xix), 35-9-122,
9 35-9-123(a)(vii)(intro), 35-9-124(a)(i)(C), 35-9-125(d),
10 35-9-126(a) through (d) and 35-9-129(a)(viii) are amended
11 to read:

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13 **35-9-102. Definitions.**

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

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1 (ii) "Apprentice technician" means a person who
2 has insufficient qualifications to be a ~~low voltage or a~~
3 limited technician and is hired by a licensed electrical
4 contractor, ~~low voltage contractor,~~ or limited contractor
5 to assist a licensed ~~low voltage or~~ limited technician. An
6 apprentice technician must be registered with the
7 department of fire prevention and electrical safety and
8 must be enrolled in a training program as approved by the
9 department;

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11 (xix) "Technician of record" means a Wyoming
12 licensed ~~low voltage or~~ limited technician who is actively
13 employed by a licensed ~~low voltage or~~ limited electrical
14 contractor in a full-time capacity, and who assumes
15 responsibility to ensure that the National Electrical Code,
16 W.S. 35-9-120 through 35-9-130 and applicable rules of the
17 department of fire prevention and electrical safety are
18 adhered to on all ~~low voltage or~~ limited electrical work
19 undertaken by the ~~low voltage or~~ limited electrical
20 contractor in the state of Wyoming, and who is not the
21 technician of record for, or employed by, any other ~~low~~
22 ~~voltage or~~ limited electrical contractor.

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1 **35-9-122. Chief electrical inspector responsible for**
2 **licensing.**

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4 The chief electrical inspector is responsible for licensing
5 electrical contractors, master electricians, journeyman
6 electricians, ~~low voltage electrical contractors,~~ limited
7 electrical contractors, ~~low voltage technicians~~ and limited
8 technicians and shall pass on the fitness and
9 qualifications of applicants for licenses. Every applicant
10 for a license under this chapter shall provide his social
11 security number to the chief electrical inspector.

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13 **35-9-123. Electrical installations to be performed by**
14 **licensed electricians; exceptions.**

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16 (a) Licensed electrical contractors employing
17 licensed master or journeymen electricians, or registered
18 apprentice electricians supervised by a licensed master or
19 journeyman electrician shall install all electrical
20 equipment. This requirement is waived for the following,
21 however the waiver does not exempt the following persons
22 from meeting all other code requirements under this act:

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1 (vii) ~~Licensed low voltage electrical~~
2 ~~contractors employing licensed low voltage technicians or~~
3 ~~registered low voltage apprentice technicians who may~~
4 ~~install electrical equipment which falls under the scope of~~
5 ~~their low voltage license or registration. No low voltage~~
6 ~~contractor may~~ Work on electrical systems which do not
7 exceed ninety (90) volts ~~unless allowed pursuant to this~~
8 ~~subsection. The chief electrical inspector may issue a low~~
9 ~~voltage electrical contractor's license to contractors not~~
10 ~~qualified for an electrical contractor's license but~~
11 ~~qualified for their low voltage area of expertise for~~ not
12 including the installation, repair or remodel of:

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14 **35-9-124. Powers and duties of board; appeals.**

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16 (a) The board shall:

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18 (i) Adopt rules and regulations to implement
19 this section and to establish minimum standards for:

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21 (C) Reciprocal licenses for any journeyman
22 electrician, master electrician, ~~low voltage technician~~ or
23 limited technician license.

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1 **35-9-125. Electrical contractor's and limited**
2 **electrical contractor's licenses.**

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4 (d) An electrical contractor, ~~low voltage electrical~~
5 ~~contractor~~ or limited electrical contractor is entitled to
6 renew his license for the ensuing year by paying the proper
7 fee on or before the date his license expires.

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9 **35-9-126. Licensing of master electricians,**
10 **journeymen electricians, limited technicians; temporary**
11 **permits; reciprocal licenses; master electrician of record**
12 **for only 1 electrical contractor; technician of record for**
13 **only 1 limited electrical contractor.**

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15 (a) Applicants for master electrician, journeymen
16 electrician, ~~low voltage technician~~ and limited technician
17 licenses shall apply to the chief electrical inspector on a
18 form furnished by the department and accompanied by the
19 required examination fee. The form shall state the
20 applicant's full name, his address, the extent of his
21 experience and other information required by the
22 department. An applicant who complies with the rules of
23 the department, is qualified, successfully completes the
24 examination and pays the required license fee shall be

1 issued the proper license by the chief electrical inspector
2 which bears the date of issue. A master license shall
3 expire on July 1 in the third year following the year of
4 issue. A journeyman license shall expire on January 1 in
5 the third year following the year of issue. ~~A low voltage~~
6 ~~technician license shall expire on July 1 in the third year~~
7 ~~following the year of issue.~~ A limited technician license
8 shall expire on July 1 in the third year following the year
9 of issue. Credit for time spent in any electrical school
10 shall be given to master electricians, journeyman
11 electricians, ~~low voltage technicians~~ or limited
12 technicians for time spent in classes up to a total of two
13 (2) years, or four thousand (4,000) hours, on the work
14 experience requirements.

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16 (b) Each master electrician, journeyman electrician,
17 ~~low voltage technician~~ or limited technician licensed under
18 this act may renew his license by paying fifty percent
19 (50%) of the proper license fee to the state of Wyoming.
20 Master and journeymen electricians shall provide proof of
21 attendance at not less than sixteen (16) hours of training
22 in the National Electric Code or in advances in the
23 electrical industry meeting criteria established by the
24 department on or before the date his license expires. At

1 least eight (8) of the required sixteen (16) hours of
2 training shall specifically cover the National Electrical
3 Code. An electrician or technician who applies for renewal
4 of his expired license within forty-five (45) days after
5 its expiration and is otherwise entitled to renewal of his
6 license shall have his license renewed by paying an
7 additional fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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

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18 (d) The department may issue a reciprocal license to
19 any applicant for a journeyman electrician, master
20 electrician,~~low voltage technician~~ or limited technician
21 license if the applicant has obtained an out-of-state or
22 foreign license through an examination which is equal to or
23 exceeds the Wyoming journeyman electrician's, master

1 electrician's, ~~low voltage technician's~~ or limited
2 technician's examination.

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4 **35-9-129. Fees.**

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

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10 (viii) Temporary working permit for journeyman
11 electrician, ~~low voltage technician~~ or limited technician...
12\$50.00

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14 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-9-102(a)(xii) and (xiii),
15 35-9-123(a)(vii)(A) and (C) through (G), 35-9-125(b),
16 35-9-126(f), 35-9-127(b) and 35-9-129(a)(ii) and (vi) are
17 repealed.

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19 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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21 (END)