

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0166

Electrical safety and fire prevention-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to electrical safety and fire prevention;
2 updating references; clarifying duties of the state fire
3 marshal and cities and revising experience requirements for
4 limited technician and low voltage technician licenses;
5 extending local inspection bodies authority over appeals as
6 specified; providing for rulemaking; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-6-501(a)(intro) and (b) through
12 (d), 16-6-502, 35-9-102(a)(xi) and (xiii), 35-9-121(d) and
13 35-9-126(a) are amended to read:

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15 **16-6-501. Building plans and specifications; required**
16 **facilities; elevators; curb ramps; inspections; exceptions.**

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2 (a) The plans and specifications for the construction
3 of or additions to all buildings for general public use
4 built by the state or any governmental subdivision, school
5 district or other public administrative body within the
6 state, shall provide facilities and features conforming
7 with the specifications set forth in the ~~publication~~
8 ~~entitled "American Standard Specifications for Making~~
9 ~~Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Usable by the~~
10 ~~Physically Handicapped" (U.S. Patent No. A117.1-1961) as~~
11 ~~approved October 31, 1961, by the American Standards~~
12 ~~Association, now called the American National Standards~~
13 ~~Institute, Inc~~ 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act
14 standards for accessible design. Elevators shall conform to
15 these standards and shall be installed in multiple-story
16 buildings to serve all levels normally used by the general
17 public. ~~Elevators shall have the following features:~~

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19 (b) Every curb or sidewalk to be constructed or
20 reconstructed in Wyoming, where both are provided and
21 intended for public use, whether constructed with public or
22 private funds, shall provide a ramp at points of
23 intersection between pedestrian and motorized lines of

1 travel and no less than two (2) curb ramps per lineal
2 block. Design for curb ramps shall be in accordance with
3 rules and regulations promulgated by the Wyoming department
4 of transportation and shall take into consideration the
5 needs of all physically handicapped persons including blind
6 pedestrians. ~~Existing design standards will be available~~
7 ~~from the governor's committee for employment of the~~
8 ~~handicapped. If future improvements in the curb ramp design~~
9 ~~will benefit handicapped and elderly persons, designs~~
10 ~~stipulated in this article may be altered after full~~
11 ~~hearings on the proposed changes by the administrator of~~
12 ~~the division of vocational rehabilitation, the program~~
13 ~~manager of the governor's committee on employment of people~~
14 ~~with disabilities and the state fire marshal.~~

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16 (c) Except as provided in this subsection, the state
17 fire marshal or city engineer shall inspect any structure
18 described in subsection (a) of this section at the request
19 of any person. Curb ramps shall be inspected by the city at
20 the request of any person and shall be modified or
21 reconstructed by the contracting authority to meet the
22 requirements of W.S. 16-6-501 through 16-6-504.

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1 (d) Exceptions for good cause may be granted by the
2 state fire marshal ~~in consultation with the administrator~~
3 ~~of the division of vocational rehabilitation, the program~~
4 ~~manager of the governor's committee on employment of people~~
5 ~~with disabilities, and the occupational health and safety~~
6 ~~commission chairman~~ for any structure described in
7 subsection (a) of this section or by the city for curb
8 ramps.

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10 **16-6-502. Building plans and specifications; state**
11 **fire marshal; review and approval.**

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13 All plans and specifications for the construction of or
14 additions to buildings for general public use, built by the
15 state or any governmental subdivision, school district or
16 other public administrative body within this state, shall
17 be submitted for review and approval by the state fire
18 marshal, who shall approve if he finds the plans provide
19 facilities which conform to the specifications set forth in
20 ~~"American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and~~
21 ~~Facilities Accessible to and Usable by the Physically~~
22 ~~Handicapped" (U.S. Patent No. A117.1-1961) as approved~~
23 ~~October 31, 1961, by the American Standards Association,~~

1 ~~now called the American National Standards Institute, Inc.,~~
2 ~~and W.S. 16-6-501, subject however to the waiver specified~~
3 ~~above~~ the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act standards
4 for accessible design.

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6 **35-9-102. Definitions.**

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

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10 (xi) "Limited technician" means a person
11 licensed by the department who has ~~two (2) years experience~~
12 met the minimum experience requirements as prescribed by
13 board rules and regulations in the portion of the
14 electrical wiring industry covered by his limited license.
15 ~~and~~ The limited technician shall have technical knowledge
16 to install and supervise the installation of electrical
17 equipment associated with the type of limited electrical
18 license held in accordance with the National Electrical
19 Code and city, county and state ordinances and regulations;

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21 (xiii) "Low voltage technician" means a person
22 licensed by the department who has ~~two (2) years experience~~
23 met the minimum experience requirements as prescribed by

1 board rules and regulations in the portion of the
2 electrical wiring industry covered by his low voltage
3 license. ~~and~~ The low voltage technician shall have
4 technical knowledge to install and supervise the
5 installation of electrical equipment associated with the
6 type of low voltage electrical license held in accordance
7 with the National Electrical Code and city, county and
8 state ordinances and regulations;

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

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12 (d) A municipality or county which has enforcement
13 authority under this section shall create its own appeals
14 boards to determine the suitability of alternate materials
15 and types of construction and to interpret and grant
16 variances from adopted codes or standards. The boards
17 shall be appointed and removed by the governing body of the
18 municipality or county, but the person making the decision
19 upon which the appeal is based shall not be a member of the
20 appeal board.

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22 **35-9-126. Licensing of master electricians,**
23 **journeymen electricians, low voltage technicians, limited**

1 technicians; temporary permits; reciprocal licenses; master
2 electrician of record for only 1 electrical contractor;
3 technician of record for only 1 low voltage or limited
4 electrical contractor.

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6 (a) Applicants for master electrician, journeymen
7 electrician, low voltage technician and limited technician
8 licenses shall apply to the chief electrical inspector on a
9 form furnished by the department and accompanied by the
10 required examination fee. The form shall state the
11 applicant's full name, his address, the extent of his
12 experience and other information required by the
13 department. An applicant who complies with the rules of the
14 department, is qualified, successfully completes the
15 examination and pays the required license fee shall be
16 issued the proper license by the chief electrical inspector
17 which bears the date of issue. A master license, low
18 voltage technician license and limited technician license
19 shall expire on July 1 in the third year following the year
20 of issue. A journeyman license shall expire on January 1
21 in the third year following the year of issue. ~~A low~~
22 ~~voltage technician license shall expire on July 1 in the~~
23 ~~third year following the year of issue. A limited~~

1 ~~technician license shall expire on July 1 in the third year~~
2 ~~following the year of issue.~~ Credit for time spent in any
3 electrical school shall be given to master electricians,
4 journeyman electricians, low voltage technicians or limited
5 technicians for time spent in classes up to a total of two
6 (2) years, or four thousand (4,000) hours, on the work
7 experience requirements.

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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 16-6-501(a)(i) through (v) and
10 35-9-126(e) through (g) are repealed.

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12 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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