

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; removing requirements relating to
3 elevators in buildings as specified; clarifying duties of
4 the state fire marshal and cities and revising experience
5 requirements for limited technician and low voltage
6 technician licenses; extending local inspection bodies
7 authority over appeals as specified; providing for
8 rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-6-501(a)(intro) and (b) through
13 (d), 16-6-502, 35-9-102(a)(xi) and (xiii), 35-9-121(d) and
14 35-9-126(a) are amended to read:

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1 **16-6-501. Building plans and specifications; required**
2 **facilities; elevators; curb ramps; inspections; exceptions.**

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4 (a) The plans and specifications for the construction
5 of or additions to all buildings for general public use
6 built by the state or any governmental subdivision, school
7 district or other public administrative body within the
8 state, shall provide facilities and features conforming
9 with the specifications set forth in the publication
10 entitled "American Standard Specifications for Making
11 Buildings and Facilities Accessible to and Usable by the
12 Physically Handicapped" (U.S. Patent No. A117.1-1961) as
13 approved October 31, 1961, by the American Standards
14 Association, now called the American National Standards
15 Institute, Inc. Elevators shall be installed in multiple-
16 story buildings to serve all levels normally used by the
17 general public. Elevators shall have the following
18 features: accessibility and supplemental accessibility
19 requirements of the 2012 edition of the International
20 Building Code.

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22 (b) Every curb or sidewalk to be constructed or
23 reconstructed in Wyoming, where both are provided and

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

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19 (c) Except as provided in this subsection, the state
20 fire marshal or city engineer, or their designee, shall
21 inspect any structure described in subsection (a) of this
22 section at the request of any person. Curb ramps shall be
23 inspected by the city at the request of any person and

1 shall be modified or reconstructed by the contracting
2 authority to meet the requirements of W.S. 16-6-501 through
3 16-6-504.

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

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14 **16-6-502. Building plans and specifications; state**
15 **fire marshal; review and approval.**

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17 All plans and specifications for the construction of or
18 additions to buildings for general public use, built by the
19 state or any governmental subdivision, school district or
20 other public administrative body within this state, shall
21 be submitted for review and approval by the state fire
22 marshal, who shall approve if he finds the plans provide
23 facilities which conform to the specifications set forth in

1 ~~"American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and~~
2 ~~Facilities Accessible to and Usable by the Physically~~
3 ~~Handicapped" (U.S. Patent No. A117.1-1961) as approved~~
4 ~~October 31, 1961, by the American Standards Association,~~
5 ~~now called the American National Standards Institute, Inc.,~~
6 ~~and W.S. 16-6-501, subject however to the waiver specified~~
7 above the accessibility and supplemental accessibility
8 requirements of the 2012 edition of the International
9 Building Code.

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11 **35-9-102. Definitions.**

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

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15 (xi) "Limited technician" means a person
16 licensed by the department who has ~~two (2) years experience~~
17 met the minimum experience requirements as prescribed by
18 board rules and regulations in the portion of the
19 electrical wiring industry covered by his limited license.
20 ~~and~~ The limited technician shall have technical knowledge
21 to install and supervise the installation of electrical
22 equipment associated with the type of limited electrical

1 license held in accordance with the National Electrical
2 Code and city, county and state ordinances and regulations;

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4 (xiii) "Low voltage technician" means a person
5 licensed by the department who has ~~two (2) years experience~~
6 met the minimum experience requirements as prescribed by
7 board rules and regulations in the portion of the
8 electrical wiring industry covered by his low voltage
9 license. ~~and~~ The low voltage technician shall have
10 technical knowledge to install and supervise the
11 installation of electrical equipment associated with the
12 type of low voltage electrical license held in accordance
13 with the National Electrical Code and city, county and
14 state ordinances and regulations;

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16 **35-9-121. Local enforcement.**

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18 (d) A municipality or county which has enforcement
19 authority under this section shall create its own appeals
20 boards to determine the suitability of alternate materials
21 and types of construction and to interpret and grant
22 variances from adopted codes or standards. The boards
23 shall be appointed and removed by the governing body of the

1 municipality or county, but the person making the decision
2 upon which the appeal is based shall not be a member of the
3 appeal board.

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5 **35-9-126. Licensing of master electricians,**
6 **journeymen electricians, low voltage technicians, limited**
7 **technicians; temporary permits; reciprocal licenses; master**
8 **electrician of record for only 1 electrical contractor;**
9 **technician of record for only 1 low voltage or limited**
10 **electrical contractor.**

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

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

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

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

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