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HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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  
7 rulemaking authority to the department of electrical safety  
8 and fire prevention; providing definitions; providing for  
9 modification of plan review process; providing for  
10 amendment of plan reviews; providing for phased  
11 applications for plan reviews; amending projects requiring  
12 plan reviews; providing for suspension or restriction of  
13 licenses for failure to pay child support; providing for

1 supremacy of the National Electrical Code; amending certain  
2 fees; specifying qualifications for local inspectors;  
3 providing for reversion of enforcement authority; deleting  
4 appeals process from local inspection authorities to the  
5 department; providing for reciprocal licenses; amending  
6 license fee revenue allocations; 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. 35-9-131 is created to read:

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13 **35-9-131. Investigation of electrocutions; powers of**  
14 **chief electrical inspector.**

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16 (a) The chief electrical inspector, or his designee,  
17 may investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of each  
18 electrocution occurring in the state that was reported to  
19 the chief electrical inspector or was subject to emergency  
20 response. In cases where more than one (1) agency has  
21 investigative authority over the electrocution, all  
22 agencies shall work 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 electrocution occurred;

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

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10          (iii) Take full control and custody of the  
11 buildings and premises until his examination 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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(C) Administer oaths and affirmations to persons appearing as witnesses before him.

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

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**Section 2.** W.S. 35-9-102(a)(i), (ii) and by creating a new paragraph (xx), 35-9-103(c), 35-9-106(a)(i), (iv) and (b), 35-9-107(a)(ii), (b)(iii) and by creating a new paragraph (v), 35-9-108(b), (d), (n), (q) and by creating new subsections (s) and (t), 35-9-119 by creating new subsections (b) and (c), 35-9-120(a), (c), (e) and (f), 35-9-121(a), by creating new paragraphs (iii) through (v) and (c) through (e), 35-9-121.1(d)(ii), 35-9-123(a)(vi), 35-9-124(a), (c) and (d) and by creating a new subsection (g), 35-9-125(a) through (c), 35-9-126(a) through (d), 35-9-127, 35-9-129(a) and (b) are amended to read:

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

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

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

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19 (ii) "Apprentice technician" means a person who  
20 has insufficient qualifications to be a low voltage or a  
21 limited technician and is hired by a licensed electrical  
22 contractor, low voltage contractor, or limited contractor  
23 to assist a licensed low voltage or limited technician. An

1 apprentice technician must be registered with the  
2 department of fire prevention and electrical safety and  
3 must be enrolled in a training program as approved by the  
4 ~~board~~department;

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6 (xx) "Electrocution" means an event in which a  
7 person is seriously injured or killed as a result of  
8 transient electrical current from an electrical device or  
9 installation.

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11 **35-9-103. Divisions created; council and board**  
12 **created.**

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

1 shall be filled for the unexpired term. When new  
2 appointments are made, the board shall select a chairman, a  
3 vice chairman and a secretary. A quorum consists of three  
4 (3) members. The board shall meet at least twice each  
5 year.

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7 **35-9-106. Powers and duties of council.**

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

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

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

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

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2           **35-9-107. Duties and powers of state fire marshal.**

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4           (a) The state fire marshal shall:

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

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11           (b) The state fire marshal may:

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

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20                   (v) Enter into memoranda of understanding with  
21 the University of Wyoming or state agencies allowing for  
22 the plan review process provided in W.S. 35-9-108 to be

1 modified so long as those agreements assure compliance with  
2 applicable building codes and the National Electric Code.

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4 **35-9-108. Plan review; procedure; fees.**

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6 (b) If the state fire marshal does not notify the  
7 sender in writing of violations of the fire or electrical  
8 safety standards within twenty-one (21) working days of  
9 receiving the plans, they are approved as submitted. If  
10 code deficiencies are discovered through inspection by the  
11 fire marshal during the construction or remodeling of  
12 buildings, the plan and plan review shall be amended to  
13 bring the building into compliance with applicable codes.

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15 (d) The department shall collect fees for plan  
16 reviews and other inspections except as provided in  
17 subsections (q) and (r) of this section, in the amount  
18 provided in the 1997 Uniform Building Code and adjusted for  
19 inflation as adopted by rule or regulation by the ~~council~~  
20 department. Fees collected under this subsection shall be  
21 deposited into the general fund.

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1           (n) After new construction or remodeling of buildings  
2 is completed, the state fire marshal shall inspect the  
3 building and determine conformance with the plan review or  
4 amended plan review. If he finds conformance, the state  
5 fire marshal shall issue a certificate of occupancy for a  
6 newly constructed building and a letter of compliance for a  
7 remodeled building. No newly constructed or remodeled  
8 building shall be used or occupied until the state fire  
9 marshal has issued a certificate of occupancy or letter of  
10 compliance. If a newly constructed or remodeled building  
11 is used or occupied prior to the issuance of a certificate  
12 of occupancy or letter of compliance, the state fire  
13 marshal shall order the use and occupancy of the building  
14 to cease until a certificate of occupancy or letter of  
15 compliance is issued, subject to the requirements of  
16 subsection (m) of this section.

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18           (q) A plan review is:

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20           (ii) Required for remodeling that costs less  
21 than ~~twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~ forty  
22 thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) and affects a built-in fire  
23 protection system for the building, provided a fee of no

1 more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour shall be paid to  
2 the department for the review;

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4 (iii) Required for remodeling that costs ~~twenty-~~  
5 ~~five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)~~ forty thousand dollars  
6 (\$40,000.00) or more, provided the department shall collect  
7 a fee pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

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9 (s) Plan reviews may be submitted in phases so that  
10 work may begin on the first phase of a project upon  
11 approval of the plans for that phase. Subsequent work may  
12 begin on each successive phase as plans are approved for  
13 each successive phase. Plans for fire alarm systems and  
14 fire sprinkler systems shall be submitted as successive  
15 phase plans after the initial plans are approved.

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17 ~~(s)~~(t) Subsections (a) through ~~(r)~~(t) shall not  
18 apply to remodeling that is exempt under subsection (q).  
19 The requirements of this section may be modified as  
20 provided in W.S. 35-9-107(b)(v).

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22 **35-9-119. Duties of chief electrical inspector.**

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1       (b) The chief electrical inspector may investigate  
2 electrocutions that occur in the state pursuant to W.S. 35-  
3 9-131.

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5       (c) Upon receipt from the department of family  
6 services of a certified copy of an order from a court to  
7 withhold, suspend or otherwise restrict a license issued by  
8 the chief electrical inspector, the chief electrical  
9 inspector shall notify the party named in the court order  
10 of the withholding, suspension or restriction of the  
11 license in accordance with the terms of the court order.  
12 No appeal under the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act  
13 shall be allowed for a license withheld, suspended or  
14 restricted under this subsection.

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16       **35-9-120. Minimum requirements for electrical**  
17 **installations; permits; inspections; fees.**

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19       (a) The installation of electric equipment in or on  
20 buildings, mobile homes and premises shall be made subject  
21 to the applicable minimum requirements of the National  
22 Electrical Code. To the extent that any provision in the  
23 International Fire Code, the International Building Code,

1 the International Mechanical Code, the International  
 2 Existing Building Code and the International Fuel Gas Code  
 3 conflicts with the standards prescribed by the National  
 4 Electrical Code, the National Electrical Code shall  
 5 control.

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

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

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19 (e) No person shall install electrical equipment in  
 20 new construction or remodeling, if the remodeling requires  
 21 a public utility to connect or disconnect and restore  
 22 electrical power, of a building, mobile home or premises  
 23 without obtaining an electrical wiring permit. No public

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

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21 (f) ~~Fifty percent (50%)~~ Sixty percent (60%) of the  
22 fees collected pursuant to subsection (c) of this section  
23 shall be deposited in a separate account for the purpose of

1 providing additional state electrical inspectors. ~~Fifty~~  
2 ~~percent (50%)~~ Forty percent (40%) of the fees collected  
3 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall be  
4 deposited in the general fund.

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6 **35-9-121. Local enforcement.**

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

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

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11           (ii) If a municipality or county that has been  
12 granted local enforcement authority under this subsection  
13 fails to adopt, within six (6) months following the  
14 adoption of new standards by the ~~council on fire prevention~~  
15 ~~and electrical safety~~ department, or maintain standards by  
16 ordinance or resolution that at least meet the statewide  
17 standards, enforcement authority shall immediately revert  
18 to the department ~~of fire prevention and electrical safety~~.  
19 It shall be the responsibility of the municipality or  
20 county to notify the department ~~of fire prevention and~~  
21 ~~electrical safety~~ of the repeal of minimum standards in  
22 their jurisdiction;  
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1           (iii) If code enforcement authority for fire and  
2 building codes is requested, certification of a fire  
3 inspector or building inspector by the International Code  
4 Council or the International Conference of Building  
5 Officials is required;

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7           (iv) If code enforcement authority for the  
8 electrical code is requested, certification of an  
9 electrical inspector by the International Code Council or  
10 the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and  
11 licensing by the state as a journeyman or master  
12 electrician is required;

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14           (v) If a municipality or county that has been  
15 granted local enforcement authority under this subsection  
16 fails to maintain employment of an inspector holding any  
17 certification required by this subsection, enforcement  
18 authority shall revert to the department one hundred twenty  
19 (120) days after the last day the properly certified  
20 inspector has left the employment of the municipality or  
21 county. It shall be the responsibility of the municipality  
22 or county to notify the department upon the termination of

1 employment of any certified inspector required by this  
2 subsection.

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

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13 (d) A municipality or county which has enforcement  
14 authority under this section ~~may~~ shall create its own  
15 appeals boards to determine the suitability of alternate  
16 materials and types of construction. The boards shall be  
17 appointed and removed by the governing body of the  
18 municipality or county. ~~The council on fire prevention and  
19 electrical safety in buildings and the electrical board  
20 shall serve as appeals boards for a municipality or county  
21 that has not created an appeals board under this  
22 subsection.~~

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

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8 **35-9-121.1. Health care facilities; jurisdiction;**  
9 **delegation; rules.**

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11 (d) Upon written request from any county or  
12 municipality, the department of health shall delegate plan  
13 review and inspection responsibilities to the county or  
14 municipality that has personnel who are certified pursuant  
15 to the applicable code. The department of health shall  
16 transfer jurisdiction and authority by letter. The  
17 department of health shall notify the governing body of the  
18 municipality or county of the minimum standards and  
19 requirements under this section and W.S. 16-6-501 and  
20 16-6-502. The following shall apply:

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22 (ii) A municipality or county which has  
23 enforcement authority under this subsection ~~may~~ shall

1 create its own appeals board to determine the suitability  
2 of alternate materials and types of construction. ~~If a~~  
3 ~~municipality or county has not created an appeals board,~~  
4 ~~the department of health shall establish an appeals board~~  
5 ~~which includes representation from the department of health~~  
6 ~~and the council.~~

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8 **35-9-123. Electrical installations to be performed by**  
9 **licensed electricians; exceptions.**

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11 (a) Licensed electrical contractors employing  
12 licensed master or journeymen electricians, or registered  
13 apprentice electricians supervised by a licensed master or  
14 journeyman electrician shall install all electrical  
15 equipment. This requirement is waived for:

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17 (vi) Buildings constructed by a school or  
18 community college district as part of an industrial arts  
19 curriculum, under the direct supervision of a qualified  
20 industrial arts instructor. The school or community  
21 college district shall have the installations inspected by  
22 the state electrical inspector's office or the ~~home-rule~~

1 local enforcement authority, whichever has jurisdiction, to  
2 ensure compliance with W.S. 35-9-120;

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4 **35-9-124. Powers and duties of board; appeals.**

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6 (a) The board shall:

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8 (i) Adopt rules and regulations to implement  
9 ~~W.S. 35-9-122 through 35-9-130;~~ this section and to  
10 establish minimum standards for:

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12 (A) Training requirements for all classes  
13 of electricians;

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15 (B) Licensing requirements for all classes  
16 of electricians; and

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18 (C) Reciprocal licenses for any journeyman  
19 electrician, master electrician, low voltage technician or  
20 limited technician license.

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22 (ii) Regarding the installation of electrical  
23 equipment and electrical safety standards, hear appeals to

1 determine the suitability of alternate materials and type  
2 of construction and to interpret and grant variances from  
3 ~~rules and regulations of the council~~ the National  
4 Electrical Code.

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6 (c) The board ~~shall~~ may suspend or cancel the license  
7 of any licensee for ~~flagrant~~ a repeated or serious  
8 violation of this act or the rules and regulations of the  
9 board. A serious violation is any violation that poses a  
10 risk of injury or death to persons or is likely to result  
11 in property damage exceeding two thousand five hundred  
12 dollars (\$2,500.00). A repeated violation is one that  
13 occurs within two (2) years of any previously documented  
14 violation.

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16 (d) ~~Except as provided by subsection (c) of this~~  
17 ~~section,~~ Any person whose ~~application for a license is~~  
18 ~~denied, who is otherwise disciplined or whose~~ license is  
19 suspended, cancelled or refused by the board may appeal to  
20 the appropriate district court.

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22 (g) The board may enter into and approve reciprocal  
23 license agreements with other states if such agreements

1 conform with the conditions and minimum standards required  
2 under W.S. 35-9-126(d).

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4       **35-9-125. Electrical contractor's, low voltage**  
5 **electrical contractor's and limited electrical contractor's**  
6 **licenses.**

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8       (a) On or before July 1 of each year, an electrical  
9 contractor shall file with the chief electrical inspector a  
10 license application in writing for each of his firms. The  
11 applicant shall be or actively employ in a full-time  
12 capacity a licensed master electrician of record who  
13 assumes responsibility to ensure that the National  
14 Electrical Code, W.S. 35-9-120 through 35-9-130 and  
15 applicable rules of the department ~~of fire prevention and~~  
16 ~~electrical safety~~ are adhered to on all electrical work  
17 undertaken by the electrical contractor in the state of  
18 Wyoming, and who is not the master electrician of record  
19 for, or employed by, any other electrical contractor. The  
20 electrical contractor shall pay the fee required by W.S.  
21 35-9-129 for each firm operated by him. If the applicant  
22 qualifies, he shall receive a license which bears the date

1 of issue and expires on July 1 next following the date of  
2 issue.

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4 (b) On or before July 1 of each year, a low voltage  
5 electrical contractor shall file with the chief electrical  
6 inspector a license application in writing for each of his  
7 firms. The applicant shall be or actively employ in a  
8 full-time capacity a licensed low voltage technician of  
9 record who assumes responsibility to ensure that the  
10 National Electrical Code, W.S. 35-9-120 through 35-9-130  
11 and applicable rules of the department ~~of fire prevention~~  
12 ~~and electrical safety~~ are adhered to on all electrical work  
13 undertaken by the low voltage electrical contractor in the  
14 state of Wyoming, and who is not the low voltage technician  
15 of record for, or employed by, any other low voltage  
16 electrical contractor. The low voltage electrical  
17 contractor shall pay the fee required by W.S. 35-9-129 for  
18 each firm operated by him. The low voltage electrical  
19 contractor's license fee shall be waived for any low  
20 voltage electrical contractor not employing additional low  
21 voltage technicians or low voltage apprentice technicians  
22 other than himself. If the applicant qualifies, he shall

1 receive a license which bears the date of issue and expires  
2 on July 1 next following the date of issue.

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4 (c) On or before July 1 of each year, a limited  
5 electrical contractor shall file with the chief electrical  
6 inspector a license application in writing for each of his  
7 firms. The applicant shall be or actively employ in a  
8 full-time capacity a licensed limited technician of record  
9 who assumes responsibility to ensure that the National  
10 Electrical Code, W.S. 35-9-120 through 35-9-130 and  
11 applicable rules of the department ~~of fire prevention and~~  
12 ~~electrical safety~~ are adhered to on all electrical work  
13 undertaken by the limited electrical contractor in the  
14 state of Wyoming, and who is not the limited technician of  
15 record for, or employed by, any other limited electrical  
16 contractor. The limited electrical contractor shall pay  
17 the fee required by W.S. 35-9-129 for each firm operated by  
18 him. The limited electrical contractor's license fee shall  
19 be waived for any limited electrical contractor not  
20 employing additional limited technicians or limited  
21 apprentice technicians other than himself. If the  
22 applicant qualifies, he shall receive a license which bears

1 the date of issue and expires on July 1 next following the  
2 date of issue.

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4       **35-9-126. Licensing of master electricians,**  
5 **journeymen electricians, low voltage technicians, limited**  
6 **technicians; temporary permits; reciprocal licenses; master**  
7 **electrician of record for only 1 electrical contractor;**  
8 **technician of record for only 1 low voltage or limited**  
9 **electrical contractor.**

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

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

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13 (b) Each master electrician, journeyman electrician,  
14 low voltage technician or limited technician licensed under  
15 this act may renew his license by paying fifty percent  
16 (50%) of the proper license fee to the state of Wyoming.  
17 Master and journeymen electricians shall provide proof of  
18 attendance at not less than sixteen (16) hours of training  
19 in the National Electric Code or in advances in the  
20 electrical industry meeting criteria established by the  
21 ~~board~~department on or before the date his license expires.  
22 At least eight (8) of the required sixteen (16) hours of  
23 training shall specifically cover the National Electrical

1 Code. An electrician or technician who applies for renewal  
2 of his expired license within forty-five (45) days after  
3 its expiration and is otherwise entitled to renewal of his  
4 license shall have his license renewed by paying an  
5 additional fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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

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

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2           **35-9-127. Apprentice electricians and apprentice**  
3 **technicians.**

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

1 chief electrical inspector in writing of the name and  
2 address of each apprentice electrician employed, and the  
3 date of employment or termination of employment within ten  
4 (10) days of the action. A licensed journeyman or master  
5 electrician shall supervise each apprentice electrician. A  
6 licensed journeyman or master electrician shall not  
7 supervise more than two (2) apprentice electricians at the  
8 same time.

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10 (b) A low voltage or limited electrical contractor  
11 may employ apprentice technicians to assist a licensed  
12 technician. Apprentice technicians shall be enrolled in a  
13 program of training as approved by the ~~board~~department.  
14 Apprentice technicians shall register with the department  
15 ~~of fire prevention and electrical safety~~ and update the  
16 registration yearly as required by the ~~board~~department.  
17 The low voltage or limited electrical contractor shall  
18 notify the chief electrical inspector in writing of the  
19 name and address of each apprentice technician employed,  
20 and the date of employment or termination of employment  
21 within ten (10) days of the action. A licensed technician  
22 shall supervise each apprentice technician. A licensed

1 technician shall not supervise more than one (1) apprentice  
2 technician at the same time.

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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 ~~board~~ department but shall not exceed:

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

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18 **Section 3.** W.S. 35-9-106(a)(iii), (e) and 35-9-124(e)  
19 are repealed.

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

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