

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0264

Electrocutions-investigations.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Esquibel, F.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; authorizing
2 the chief electrical inspector to investigate
3 electrocutions; requiring cooperation between agencies with
4 authority to investigate electrocutions; providing for a
5 report to the electrical board; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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

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

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12 **35-9-131. Investigation of electrocutions;**
13 **notification to electrical board; powers of chief**
14 **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

1 electrocution occurring in the state that was reported to
2 the chief electrical inspector or was subject to emergency
3 response. In cases where more than one (1) agency has
4 investigative authority over the electrocution, all
5 agencies shall work together to fully investigate.

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7 (b) The chief electrical inspector, or his designee,
8 investigating an electrocution shall notify the electrical
9 board within one (1) week of the electrocution and may, if
10 an investigation was done, furnish the electrical board a
11 written statement of all facts relating to its cause and
12 origin, and other information required by forms provided by
13 the electrical board.

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15 (c) In performing the duties imposed by this section,
16 the chief electrical inspector, or his designee, may:

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18 (i) Enter and examine any property, building or
19 premises where any electrocution occurred;

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

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1 (iii) Take full control and custody of the
2 buildings and premises until his examination and
3 investigations are completed; and

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5 (iv) Take testimony under oath and cause the
6 testimony to be reduced to writing. In taking testimony
7 and performing an investigation, the chief electrical
8 inspector or his designee may:

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10 (A) Subpoena witnesses and compel their
11 attendance before him;

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13 (B) Cause to be produced papers he requires
14 in the examination; and

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16 (C) Administer oaths and affirmations to
17 persons appearing as witnesses before him.

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

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-9-119 by creating a new subsection
2 (b) and 35-9-124(a)(i) are amended to read:

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4 35-9-119. Duties of chief electrical inspector.

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6 (b) The chief electrical inspector may investigate
7 electrocutions that occur in the state pursuant to W.S.
8 35-9-131.

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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 (i) Adopt rules and regulations to implement
15 W.S. 35-9-122 through ~~35-9-130~~ 35-9-131;

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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19 (END)