

CHAPTER 325.

[H. B. 254.]

ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

AN ACT relating to electricians and electrical installations; amending section 4, chapter 169, Laws of 1935 and RCW 19.28.120; and amending section 8, chapter 169, Laws of 1935 and RCW 19.28.210.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

RCW 19.28.120 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 169, Laws of 1935 and RCW 19.28.120 are each amended to read as follows:

License re-
quired—Fee—
Application—
Bond.

From and after the first day of January, 1936, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in, conduct or carry on the business of installing wires or equipment to convey electric current, or installing apparatus or appliances to be operated by such current without having an unrevoked, unsuspended and unexpired license so to do, issued by the director of licenses in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. All such licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of December following the date of their issue, and the fee for such license shall be seventy-five dollars. Application for such license shall be made in writing to the department of labor and industries, accompanied by the required fee, and shall state the name and address of the applicant, and in case of firms, the names of the individuals composing the firm, and in case of corporations, the name of the managing officials thereof, and shall state the location of the place of business of the applicant and the name under which such business is conducted. Such a license shall grant to the holder thereof the right to engage in, conduct, or carry on, the business of installing wires or equipment to carry electric current, and installing apparatus and/or appliances

to be operated by such current, in any and all places in the state of Washington. The application for such license shall be accompanied by a bond in the penal sum of one thousand dollars with the state of Washington named as obligee therein, with good and sufficient surety, to be approved by the attorney general. Said bond shall at all times be kept in full force and effect, and any cancellation or revocation thereof, or withdrawal of the surety therefrom, shall ipso facto revoke and suspend the license issued to the principal until such time as a new bond of like tenor and effect shall have been filed and approved as herein provided. Upon approval of said bond by the attorney general, the director of labor and industries shall on the next business day thereafter deposit the fee accompanying said application in the fund to be known and designated as the "electrical license fund," and transmit the application accompanied by his duplicate receipt for the fee to the department of licenses, which department shall thereupon issue the license herein provided for. Upon approval of said bond by the attorney general, he shall transmit the same to the secretary of state, who shall file said bond in the office, and upon application furnish to any person, firm or corporation a certified copy thereof, upon the payment of the fee required by law. Said bond shall be conditioned that in any installation of wires and/or equipment to convey electrical current, and apparatus to be operated by such current, the principal therein will comply with the provisions of this chapter and in case such installation is in an incorporated city or town having an ordinance, building code, or regulations prescribing a higher and/or better standard, manner or method of such installation that the principal will comply with the provisions of such ordinance, building code or regulations governing such installation as may be in

effect at the time of entering into a contract for such installation. Said bond shall be conditioned further that the principal will pay for all labor and material furnished or used upon such work and all damages that may be sustained by any person, firm or corporation due to a failure of the principal to make such installation in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or any ordinance, building code or regulation applicable thereto.

RCW 19.28.210 amended.

SEC. 2. Section 8, chapter 169, Laws of 1935, and RCW 19.28.210 are each amended to read as follows:

Inspections—
Notice to
make repairs
and changes—
Disconnection
—Entry—Con-
cealment—
Connection to
utility.

The director of labor and industries, through the inspector, assistant inspector, or deputy inspector, is hereby empowered to inspect all wiring, appliances, devices and equipment to which this chapter applies. Whenever the installation of any such wiring, device, appliance or equipment is not in accordance with the requirements of this chapter, or is in such a condition as to be dangerous to life or property, the person, firm or corporation owning, using or operating the same shall be notified by the director of labor and industries and shall within fifteen days, or such further reasonable time as may upon request be granted, make such repairs and changes as are required to remove the danger therefrom to life or property and to make the same conform to the provisions of this chapter. The director of labor and industries through such inspector, assistant inspector or any deputy inspector, is hereby empowered to disconnect or order the discontinuance of electrical service to such conductors or apparatus as is found to be in a dangerous or unsafe condition and not in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Upon making such disconnection he shall attach thereto a notice stating that such conductors have been found dangerous to life or property or not in accordance with the requirements of this chapter; and it shall be unlawful for any person

to reconnect such defective conductors or apparatus without the approval of the director of labor and industries, and until the same have been placed in a safe and secure condition, and in such condition as to comply with the requirements of this chapter. The director of labor and industries, through the electrical inspector, assistant inspector, or any deputy inspector, shall have the right during reasonable hours to enter into and upon any building or premises in the discharge of his official duties or for the purpose of making any inspection or test of the installation of electrical wiring, electrical devices, equipment or material contained thereon or therein. No electrical wiring or equipment subject to the requirements of this chapter shall be concealed until an inspection is applied for under this chapter and an inspection made and the work therein approved by the inspector making such inspection: *Provided, however,* That if duly authorized inspectors are not available for such inspection, an affidavit may be furnished by the contractor or other person doing the work, indicating that there has been compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Electrical utilities furnishing service to electrical installations shall refuse to connect installations and/or equipment to their lines unless there is affixed to each new or altered service entrance a safe wiring label issued by the director of labor and industries and bearing an affidavit or a certificate of inspection as required by this chapter. The labels shall be furnished upon payment to the department of labor and industries a fee of \$2.00 each. Application for labels shall be in writing and signed by the applicant; and labels when used by a licensed contractor shall bear the signature or seal of such contractor.

Sec. 3. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply within the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town which has heretofore adopted

Where chapter
inapplicable.

or may hereafter adopt, an ordinance regulating or otherwise controlling the installation of electrical wires, equipment, apparatus or appliances.

Utilities
exempted
from chapter
provisions.

SEC. 4. The provisions of chapter 19.28 RCW shall not apply to the work of installing, maintaining or repairing any and all electrical wires, apparatus, installations or equipment used or to be used by a telegraph company or a telephone company in the exercise of its functions and located outdoors or in a building or buildings used exclusively for that purpose.

Passed the House March 11, 1959.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 326.

[H. B. 642.]

APPROPRIATIONS—HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT relating to highways; making appropriations, reappropriations, and supplemental appropriations for the operation of the state highway commission and the Washington toll bridge authority; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the authority revolving fund to the Washington toll bridge authority for the biennium ending June 30, 1961, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars to carry out the provisions of RCW 47.60.180 and 47.60.190.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the Washington toll bridge authority for the biennium ending June 30, 1961, the sum of five hundred seventeen thousand one hundred fifty-four dollars for salaries, wages, and