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HOUSE BILL 2158

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By Representatives Haugen and Ferguson.

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1            AN ACT Relating to city or town electrical inspectors; and  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 19.28.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.010 and 1986 c 263 s 1 and 1986 c 156 s 2 are  
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6            (1) All wires and equipment, and installations thereof, that convey  
7 electric current and installations of equipment to be operated by  
8 electric current, in, on, or about buildings or structures, except for  
9 telephone, telegraph, radio, and television wires and equipment, and  
10 television antenna installations, signal strength amplifiers, and  
11 coaxial installations pertaining thereto shall be in strict conformity  
12 with this chapter, the statutes of the state of Washington, and the  
13 rules issued by the department, and shall be in conformity with  
14 approved methods of construction for safety to life and property. All  
15 wires and equipment that fall within section 90.2(b)(5) of the National

1 Electrical Code, 1981 edition, are exempt from the requirements of this  
2 chapter. The regulations and articles in the National Electrical Code,  
3 as approved by the American Standards Association, and in the national  
4 electrical safety code, as approved by the American Standards  
5 Association, and other installation and safety regulations approved by  
6 the American Standards Association, as modified or supplemented by  
7 rules issued by the department in furtherance of safety to life and  
8 property under authority hereby granted, shall be prima facie evidence  
9 of the approved methods of construction. All materials, devices,  
10 appliances, and equipment used in such installations shall be of a type  
11 that conforms to applicable standards or be indicated as acceptable by  
12 the established standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. or  
13 other electrical product testing laboratories which are accredited by  
14 the department.

15 (2) This chapter shall not limit the authority or power of any city  
16 or town to enact and enforce under authority given by law, any  
17 ordinance, rule, or regulation requiring an equal, higher, or better  
18 standard of construction and an equal, higher, or better standard of  
19 materials, devices, appliances, and equipment than that required by  
20 this chapter: PROVIDED, That such city or town shall require that its  
21 electrical inspectors meet the qualifications provided for state  
22 electrical inspectors in accordance with RCW 19.28.070 and that its  
23 electrical inspectors enforce not only the city or town ordinances but  
24 also enforce this chapter, including proof of licensure and  
25 certification. In a city or town having an equal, higher, or better  
26 standard the installations, materials, devices, appliances, and  
27 equipment shall be in accordance with the ordinance, rule, or  
28 regulation of the city or town. Electrical equipment associated with  
29 spas, hot tubs, swimming pools, and hydromassage bathtubs shall not be  
30 offered for sale or exchange unless the electrical equipment is

1 certified as being in compliance with the applicable product safety  
2 standard by bearing the certification mark of an approved electrical  
3 products testing laboratory.

4 (3) Nothing in this chapter may be construed as permitting the  
5 connection of any conductor of any electric circuit with a pipe that is  
6 connected with or designed to be connected with a waterworks piping  
7 system, without the consent of the person or persons legally  
8 responsible for the operation and maintenance of the waterworks piping  
9 system.