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3 By Senators Schow and Newhouse

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 19.28.200 and 1992 c 240 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) No license under the provision of this chapter shall be
10 required from any utility or any person, firm, partnership,
11 corporation, or other entity employed by a utility because of work in
12 connection with the installation, repair, or maintenance of lines,
13 wires, apparatus, or equipment owned by or under the control of a
14 utility and used for transmission or distribution of electricity from
15 the source of supply to the point of contact at the premises and/or
16 property to be supplied and service connections and meters and other
17 apparatus or appliances used in the measurement of the consumption of
18 electricity by the customer.

19 (2) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall be
20 required from any utility because of work in connection with the
21 installation, repair, or maintenance of the following:

22 (a) Lines, wires, apparatus, or equipment used in the lighting of
23 streets, alleys, ways, or public areas or squares;

24 (b) Lines, wires, apparatus, or equipment owned by a commercial,
25 industrial, or public institution customer that are an integral part of
26 a transmission or distribution system, either overhead or underground,
27 providing service to such customer and located outside the building or
28 structure: PROVIDED, That a utility does not initiate the sale of
29 services to perform such work;

30 (c) Lines and wires, together with ancillary apparatus, and
31 equipment, owned by a customer that is an independent power producer
32 who has entered into an agreement for the sale of electricity to a
33 utility and that are used in transmitting electricity from an
34 electrical generating unit located on premises used by such customer to
35 the point of interconnection with the utility's system.

1 (3) Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity
2 licensed under RCW 19.28.120 may enter into a contract with a utility
3 for the performance of work under subsection (2) of this section.

4 (4) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall be
5 required from any manufacturer or any person, firm, partnership, or
6 other entity employed by a manufacturer of power generation equipment
7 because of work in the connection with the installation, testing,
8 repair, modification, or maintenance of premanufactured assemblies of
9 electric power generation equipment and control gear.

10 Premanufactured electric power generation equipment assemblies are
11 made up of reciprocating internal combustion engines and the associated
12 control gear equipment. Control gear equipment includes control logic,
13 metering, and annunciation for the operation and the quality of power
14 being generated by the reciprocating internal combustion engine and
15 does not have the function of distribution of power. For the purposes
16 of this subsection, temporary test connections and installation or
17 connection of components internal to the transfer switch, control gear,
18 or the power generation unit shall be included as part of work on
19 premanufactured electric power generation equipment assemblies.

20 (5) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall be
21 required from any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other
22 entity because of the work of installing and repairing ignition or
23 lighting systems for motor vehicles.

24 (~~(+5)~~) (6) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall
25 be required from any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other
26 entity because of work in connection with the installation, repair, or
27 maintenance of wires and equipment, and installations thereof, exempted
28 in RCW 19.28.010.

29 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.28.610 and 1994 c 157 s 1 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be construed to
32 require that a person obtain a license or a certified electrician in
33 order to do electrical work at his or her residence or farm or place of
34 business or on other property owned by him or her unless the electrical
35 work is on the construction of a new building intended for rent, sale,
36 or lease. However, if the construction is of a new residential
37 building with up to four units intended for rent, sale, or lease, the
38 owner may receive an exemption from the requirement to obtain a license

1 or use a certified electrician if he or she provides a signed affidavit
2 to the department stating that he or she will be performing the work
3 and will occupy one of the units as his or her principal residence.
4 The owner shall apply to the department for this exemption and may only
5 receive an exemption once every twenty-four months. It is intended
6 that the owner receiving this exemption shall occupy the unit as his or
7 her principal residence for twenty-four months after completion of the
8 units. Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be intended to
9 derogate from or dispense with the requirements of any valid electrical
10 code enacted by a city or town pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(3), except
11 that no code shall require the holder of a certificate of competency to
12 demonstrate any additional proof of competency or obtain any other
13 license or pay any fee in order to engage in the electrical
14 construction trade. RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall not apply to
15 common carriers subject to Part I of the Interstate Commerce Act, nor
16 to their officers and employees. Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through
17 19.28.620 shall be deemed to apply to the installation or maintenance
18 of telephone, telegraph, radio, or television wires and equipment; nor
19 to any electrical utility or its employees in the installation, repair,
20 and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, and equipment by or for
21 the utility, or comprising a part of its plants, lines or systems.
22 Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be deemed to apply to
23 the installation, maintenance, or modification of premanufactured
24 electric power generation equipment assemblies and control gear
25 equipment by a manufacturer or authorized manufacturer's
26 representative. The licensing provisions of RCW 19.28.510 through
27 19.28.620 shall not apply to:

28 (1) Persons making electrical installations on their own property
29 or to regularly employed employees working on the premises of their
30 employer, unless the electrical work is on the construction of a new
31 building intended for rent, sale, or lease; ((or))

32 (2) Employees of an employer while the employer is performing
33 utility type work of the nature described in RCW 19.28.200 so long as
34 such employees have registered in the state of Washington with or
35 graduated from a state-approved outside lineman apprenticeship course
36 that is recognized by the department and that qualifies a person to
37 perform such work; or

38 (3) Employees of any manufacturer or employees of any person, firm,
39 partnership, or other entity employed by a manufacturer while the

