

# HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

## HB 3003

**Brief Description:** Exempting computer wires and fiber optic cables from electrical wiring requirements.

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**Sponsors:** Honeyford, Crouse, Mielke, Wensman, Benson, Clements and Schoesler and Bush.

Hearing: February 4, 1998

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Labor and Industries regulates the installation, repair and maintenance of electrical wires, equipment, and services. This regulatory process involves the permitting and inspection of electrical work. The department inspects all electrical wiring, appliances, devices and equipment regulated by the electricians and electrical installations statute. The statute exempts from inspection telephone, telegraph, radio, and television wires and equipment and television antenna installations, signal strength amplifiers, and coaxial installations.

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

Exempts the installation of computer wires and fiber optic wires from regulation under the electricians and electrical installations statute.

**RULES AUTHORITY:** The bill does not contain provisions addressing the rule making powers of an agency.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.