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1 AN ACT Relating to premanufactured electric power generation  
2 equipment assemblies; and amending RCW 19.28.200 and 19.28.610.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.200 and 1992 c 240 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (4) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall be  
19 required from any manufacturer or any person, firm, partnership, or  
20 other entity employed by a manufacturer of power generation equipment  
21 because of work in connection with the installation, repair,  
22 modification, or maintenance of premanufactured assemblies of  
23 electrical power generation equipment and control gear.  
24 Premanufactured electric power generation equipment assemblies are made  
25 up of reciprocating internal combustion engines and the associated  
26 control gear equipment. Control gear equipment includes control logic,  
27 metering, and annunciation for the operation and the quality of power  
28 being generated by the reciprocating internal combustion engine and  
29 does not have the function of distribution of power.

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

34 ((+5)) (6) No license under the provisions of this chapter shall  
35 be required from any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other  
36 entity because of work in connection with the installation, repair, or  
37 maintenance of wires and equipment, and installations thereof, exempted  
38 in RCW 19.28.010.

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

3       Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be construed to  
4 require that a person obtain a license or a certified electrician in  
5 order to do electrical work at his or her residence or farm or place of  
6 business or on other property owned by him or her unless the electrical  
7 work is on the construction of a new building intended for rent, sale,  
8 or lease. However, if the construction is of a new residential  
9 building with up to four units intended for rent, sale, or lease, the  
10 owner may receive an exemption from the requirement to obtain a license  
11 or use a certified electrician if he or she provides a signed affidavit  
12 to the department stating that he or she will be performing the work  
13 and will occupy one of the units as his or her principal residence.  
14 The owner shall apply to the department for this exemption and may only  
15 receive an exemption once every twenty-four months. It is intended  
16 that the owner receiving this exemption shall occupy the unit as his or  
17 her principal residence for twenty-four months after completion of the  
18 units. Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be intended to  
19 derogate from or dispense with the requirements of any valid electrical  
20 code enacted by a city or town pursuant to RCW 19.28.010(3), except  
21 that no code shall require the holder of a certificate of competency to  
22 demonstrate any additional proof of competency or obtain any other  
23 license or pay any fee in order to engage in the electrical  
24 construction trade. RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall not apply to  
25 common carriers subject to Part I of the Interstate Commerce Act, nor  
26 to their officers and employees. Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through  
27 19.28.620 shall be deemed to apply to the installation or maintenance  
28 of telephone, telegraph, radio, or television wires and equipment; nor  
29 to any electrical utility or its employees in the installation, repair,  
30 and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, and equipment by or for  
31 the utility, or comprising a part of its plants, lines or systems.  
32 Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be deemed to apply to  
33 the installation, maintenance, or modification of premanufactured  
34 electric power generation equipment assemblies and control gear  
35 equipment by a manufacturer or authorized manufacturer's  
36 representative. The licensing provisions of RCW 19.28.510 through  
37 19.28.620 shall not apply to:

38       (1) Persons making electrical installations on their own property  
39 or to regularly employed employees working on the premises of their

1 employer, unless the electrical work is on the construction of a new  
2 building intended for rent, sale, or lease; ((or))

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

9 (3) Employees of an employer while the employer is performing  
10 manufacturer-authorized work on a premanufactured power generation  
11 assembly and controls for that assembly of the nature described in RCW  
12 19.28.200.

13 Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be construed to  
14 restrict the right of any householder to assist or receive assistance  
15 from a friend, neighbor, relative or other person when none of the  
16 individuals doing the electrical installation hold themselves out as  
17 engaged in the trade or business of electrical installations. Nothing  
18 precludes any person who is exempt from the licensing requirements of  
19 this chapter under this section from obtaining a journeyman or  
20 specialty certificate of competency if they otherwise meet the  
21 requirements of this chapter.

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