

1 **ESSB 5713** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2724.4/03)**459 ADOPTED 4/18/03**  
2 By Representative Kessler

3 On page 14 of the striking amendment, beginning on line 23,  
4 strike all of sections 501 and 502 and insert the following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** A new section is added to chapter  
6 19.28 RCW under the subchapter heading "provisions applicable to  
7 electrical installations" to read as follows:

8 (1) The repair, maintenance, or replacement of an electric  
9 appliance, if performed by an employee of a manufacturer-authorized  
10 dealer or service company, is exempt from licensing and  
11 certification requirements under RCW 19.28.091 and RCW 19.28.161.

12 (2) A joint legislative task force is created to review  
13 licensing and certification requirements under RCW 19.28.091 and  
14 RCW 19.28.161 as they pertain to the repair, maintenance, or  
15 replacement of an electric appliance, and as they compare to  
16 licensing and certification requirements in other states. The task  
17 force membership shall consist of: (a) One member from each caucus  
18 of the senate commerce and trade committee, appointed by the  
19 president of the senate; (b) one member from each caucus of the  
20 house commerce and labor committee, appointed by the speaker of the  
21 house of representatives; and (c) representatives of electrical  
22 contractors, journey level electrical workers, appliance repair  
23 businesses, appliance repair technicians, and residential  
24 consumers, appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the  
25 speaker of the house of representatives. The department of labor  
26 and industries shall cooperate with the task force and provide such  
27 technical expertise as the task force cochairs may reasonably  
28 require. The task force shall choose its cochairs from among its  
29 membership. The task force shall use legislative facilities and  
30 staff from senate committee services and the office of program  
31 research. Legislative members of the task force shall be  
32 reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

1 Nonlegislative members, except those representing an employer or  
2 organization, are entitled to be reimbursed in accordance with RCW  
3 43.03.050 and RCW 43.03.060, such reimbursement to be paid jointly  
4 by the senate and the house of representatives. The task force  
5 shall report its findings and recommendations for legislation or  
6 rulemaking, if any, to the legislature by December 1, 2003.

7 (3) For the purposes of this section, repair, maintenance, or  
8 replacement of an electric appliance- means servicing, maintaining,  
9 repairing, or replacing household appliances and similar  
10 utilization equipment, other than space heating equipment, in a  
11 residential occupancy. The appliance or utilization equipment must  
12 be self-contained and built to standardized sizes or types. The  
13 appliance or utilization equipment must be connected as a single  
14 unit to a single source of electrical power limited to a maximum of  
15 250 volts, 60 amperes, single phase.

16 (a) "Repair, maintenance, or replacement of an electric  
17 appliance" includes the like-in-kind replacement of the appliance  
18 or utilization equipment if the same unmodified electrical circuit  
19 is used to supply the equipment being replaced. It also includes:

20 (i) The like-in-kind replacement of electrical components  
21 within the appliance or equipment;

22 (ii) The disconnection and reconnection of low-voltage control  
23 and line voltage supply whips not over six feet in length provided  
24 there are no modifications to the characteristics of the branch  
25 circuit; and

26 (iii) The installation of an outlet box and outlet at an  
27 existing appliance or equipment location when converting the  
28 appliance from a permanent electrical connection to a plug and cord  
29 connection. Other than the installation of the outlet box and  
30 outlet, there can be no modification to the existing branch circuit  
31 supplying the appliance or equipment.

32 (b) "Repair, maintenance, or replacement of an electric  
33 appliance" does not include:

34 (i) The installation, repair, or modification of branch  
35 circuits conductors, services, feeders, panelboards, disconnect  
36 switches, or raceway/conductor systems interconnecting multiple  
37 appliances, equipment, or other electrical components; or

1 (ii) Any work governed under Article(s) 500, 501, 502, 503,  
2 504, 505, 510, 511, 513, 514, 515, or 516 NEC (i.e., classified  
3 locations).

4 (4) For the purposes of this section, "electric appliance"  
5 means appliances and utilization equipment including, but not  
6 limited to, dish washers, ovens, water heating equipment, cook  
7 tops, ranges, instant hot water dispensers, garbage disposers, vent  
8 hoods, warming drawers, and grills.

9 (b) "Electric appliance" does not include systems and equipment  
10 such as office equipment, vehicle repair equipment, commercial  
11 kitchen equipment, self-contained hot tubs and spas, grinders,  
12 scales, alarm/energy management/similar systems, luminaires,  
13 furnaces/heaters/air conditioners/heat pumps, sewage disposal  
14 equipment, door/gate/similar equipment, or individual components  
15 installed so as to create a system (e.g., pumps, switches,  
16 controllers, etc.)."

**EFFECT:** Exempts the repair, maintenance, or replacement of an electric appliance in a residential occupancy from electrical licensing and certification requirements if the work is performed by an employee of a manufacturer-authorized dealer or service company.

Defines "repair, maintenance, or replacement of an electric appliance" and "electric appliance."

Does not expire the exemption.

Does not exempt the repair, maintenance, or replacement of an electric appliance in a location other than a residential occupancy.

Does not exempt the repair, maintenance or replacement of small commercial/industrial appliances, and other small utilization equipment from electrical licensing and certification requirements.