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By Senator Moore

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1 AN ACT Relating to regulation of electricians and electrical  
2 installations; and amending RCW 19.28.370 and 19.28.610.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.370 and 1980 c 30 s 17 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The provisions of RCW 19.28.010 through (~~19.28.380~~) 19.28.360  
7 shall not apply to the work of installing, maintaining or repairing any  
8 and all electrical wires, apparatus, installations or equipment used or  
9 to be used by a telegraph company or a telephone company that is  
10 regulated by the utilities and transportation commission under chapter  
11 80.36 RCW in the exercise of its functions and located outdoors or in  
12 a building or buildings used exclusively for that purpose.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.28.610 and 1992 c 240 s 3 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 Nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be construed to  
16 require that a person obtain a license or a certified electrician in  
17 order to do electrical work at his or her residence or farm or place of  
18 business or on other property owned by him: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That

1 nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall be intended to  
2 derogate from or dispense with the requirements of any valid electrical  
3 code enacted by a city or town pursuant to RCW 19.28.010((+2)) (3),  
4 except that no code shall require the holder of a certificate of  
5 competency to demonstrate any additional proof of competency or obtain  
6 any other license or pay any fee in order to engage in the electrical  
7 construction trade: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That RCW 19.28.510 through  
8 19.28.620 shall not apply to common carriers subject to Part I of the  
9 Interstate Commerce Act, nor to their officers and employees: AND  
10 PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall  
11 be deemed to apply to the installation or maintenance of telephone,  
12 telegraph, radio, or television wires and equipment by companies that  
13 are regulated by the utilities and transportation commission under  
14 chapter 80.36 RCW; nor to any electrical utility or its employees in  
15 the installation, repair, and maintenance of electrical wiring,  
16 circuits, and equipment by or for the utility, or comprising a part of  
17 its plants, lines or systems. The licensing provisions of RCW  
18 19.28.510 through 19.28.620 shall not apply to:

19 (1) Persons making electrical installations on their own property;

20 (2) Regularly employed employees working on the premises of their  
21 employer; or

22 (3) Employees of an employer while the employer is performing  
23 utility type work of the nature described in RCW 19.28.200 so long as  
24 such employees have registered in the state of Washington with or  
25 graduated from a state-approved outside lineman apprenticeship course  
26 that is recognized by the department and that qualifies a person to  
27 perform such work:

28 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in RCW 19.28.510 through  
29 19.28.620 shall be construed to restrict the right of any householder  
30 to assist or receive assistance from a friend, neighbor, relative or  
31 other person when none of the individuals doing the electrical  
32 installation hold themselves out as engaged in the trade or business of  
33 electrical installations. Nothing precludes any person who is exempt  
34 from the licensing requirements of this chapter under this section from  
35 obtaining a journeyman or specialty certificate of competency if they  
36 otherwise meet the requirements of this chapter.

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