

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 238

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION
54-1016, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1016, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

54-1016. EXEMPTIONS. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to
apply to:

(a) Any regulated utility, telephone company, rural telephone cooper-
ative or municipal communications utility, or its employees, in the in-
stallation or maintenance of communication circuits, wires and apparat-
us by or for such entities or their communications service customers;

(b) Any electrical public utility, or its employees, in the instal-
lation and maintenance of electrical wiring, circuits, apparatus and
equipment by or for such public utility, or comprising a part of its
plants, lines or system;

(c) Modular buildings as defined in section 39-4301, Idaho Code, that
are constructed in the state of Idaho for installation on building sites
outside the state; provided however, that no modular building shall be
installed on a building site in the state of Idaho until it has been ap-
proved and bears the insignia of approval of the division as being in
compliance with the requirements set forth in section 39-4304, Idaho
Code.

(2) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

(a) Any property owner performing electrical work in the owner's pri-
mary or secondary residence or associated outbuildings;

(b) Any person regularly employed as a maintenance electrician per-
forming electrical maintenance work on the premises of the person's
employer;

(c) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal
communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees
of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under
the exclusive control of the telephone company, rural telephone cooper-
ative, or municipal communications utility;

(d) Any telephone company, rural telephone cooperative, or municipal
communications utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employ-
ees of the subsidiaries performing repair work on customer-owned facil-
ities at the request of the customer;

(e) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, mu-
nicipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees
of the subsidiaries performing work on customer-owned facilities under

1 the exclusive control of the electrical public utility, rural electri-
2 cal cooperative, or municipal power utility; and

3 (f) Any electrical public utility, rural electrical cooperative, mu-
4 nicipal power utility, its employees, its subsidiaries, and employees
5 of the subsidiaries performing emergency repair work on customer-owned
6 facilities at the request of the customer.

7 (3) The licensing provisions of this chapter shall not apply to indi-
8 viduals licensed pursuant to chapter 50, title 54, Idaho Code, or certifi-
9 cated pursuant to chapter 26, title 54, Idaho Code, as follows:

10 (a) Individuals holding a current heating, ventilation and air condi-
11 tioning (HVAC) license or a current plumbing certification may install
12 electrical circuitry from the disconnecting means to a water heater and
13 electrical connections to the water heater as long as the disconnect is
14 in sight from the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to
15 the water heater is no more than fifty (50) feet long.

16 (b) Individuals holding a current HVAC license may install:

17 (i) Electrical space heaters with no attached ductwork;

18 (ii) Electrical connections to HVAC equipment from the discon-
19 necting means to the unit as long as the disconnect is in sight from
20 the unit and the circuit from the disconnecting means to the HVAC
21 equipment is no more than fifty (50) feet long; and

22 (iii) Ventilating fans, except ducted range hoods in residences.

23 (c) HVAC licensees may install control wiring of twenty-four (24) volt
24 or less for HVAC equipment of five (5) tons or less in capacity. Plumb-
25 ing certificate holders are not authorized to install control wiring in
26 HVAC equipment, regardless of voltage.

27 (4) To the extent that a plumbing or HVAC installation permit issued by
28 the Idaho division of building safety includes any part of an electrical in-
29 stallation, the permit issued and inspection performed shall be sufficient
30 to satisfy the permitting and inspecting requirements of this chapter if all
31 required permit fees have been paid.

32 (5) Approval and certification requirements of product and equipment
33 as set forth in this chapter and in the adopted edition of the national elec-
34 trical code do not apply to industrial equipment unless the board has made a
35 determination that such product, machine or classes of products and machines
36 present an undue hazard to life and property.