
HOUSE BILL 1102

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By Representatives Kremen, Heavey and Braddock.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale of electrical equipment; and reenacting
2 and amending RCW 19.28.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.010 and 1986 c 263 s 1 and 1986 c 156 s 2 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) All wires and equipment, and installations thereof, that convey
7 electric current and installations of equipment to be operated by
8 electric current, in, on, or about buildings or structures, except for
9 telephone, telegraph, radio, and television wires and equipment, and
10 television antenna installations, signal strength amplifiers, and
11 coaxial installations pertaining thereto shall be in strict conformity
12 with this chapter, the statutes of the state of Washington, and the
13 rules issued by the department, and shall be in conformity with
14 approved methods of construction for safety to life and property. All

1 wires and equipment that fall within section 90.2(b)(5) of the National
2 Electrical Code, 1981 edition, are exempt from the requirements of this
3 chapter. The regulations and articles in the National Electrical Code,
4 as approved by the American Standards Association, and in the national
5 electrical safety code, as approved by the American Standards
6 Association, and other installation and safety regulations approved by
7 the American Standards Association, as modified or supplemented by
8 rules issued by the department in furtherance of safety to life and
9 property under authority hereby granted, shall be prima facie evidence
10 of the approved methods of construction. All materials, devices,
11 appliances, and equipment used in such installations shall be of a type
12 that conforms to applicable standards or be indicated as acceptable by
13 the established standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. or
14 other electrical product testing laboratories which are accredited by
15 the department.

16 (2) This chapter shall not limit the authority or power of any city
17 or town to enact and enforce under authority given by law, any
18 ordinance, rule, or regulation requiring an equal, higher, or better
19 standard of construction and an equal, higher, or better standard of
20 materials, devices, appliances, and equipment than that required by
21 this chapter: PROVIDED, That such city or town shall require that its
22 electrical inspectors meet the qualifications provided for state
23 electrical inspectors in accordance with RCW 19.28.070. In a city or
24 town having an equal, higher, or better standard the installations,
25 materials, devices, appliances, and equipment shall be in accordance
26 with the ordinance, rule, or regulation of the city or town. Electrical
27 equipment associated with spas, hot tubs, and swimming pools(~~(, and~~
28 ~~hydromassage bathtubs)~~) shall not be offered for sale or exchange
29 unless the electrical equipment is certified as being in compliance
30 with the applicable product safety standard by bearing the

1 certification mark of an approved electrical products testing
2 laboratory. Hydromassage bathtubs shall not be offered for sale or
3 exchange unless the complete unit, including both the tub and
4 electrical equipment, is certified as being in compliance with
5 applicable product safety standards by bearing the certification mark
6 of an approved electrical products testing laboratory.

7 (3) Nothing in this chapter may be construed as permitting the
8 connection of any conductor of any electric circuit with a pipe that is
9 connected with or designed to be connected with a waterworks piping
10 system, without the consent of the person or persons legally
11 responsible for the operation and maintenance of the waterworks piping
12 system.