

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Chief electrical inspector-inspection of electrocutions.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; authorizing
2 the chief electrical inspector to investigate
3 electrocutions; providing for a report to the electrical
4 board; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-9-131 is created to read:

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10 **35-9-131. Investigation of electrocutions;**
11 **notification to electrical board; powers of chief**
12 **electrical inspector.**

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14 (a) The chief electrical inspector, or his designee,
15 may investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of each

1 electrocution occurring in the state that was reported to
2 the chief electrical inspector or was subject to emergency
3 response.

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5 (b) The chief electrical inspector, or his designee,
6 investigating an electrocution shall notify the electrical
7 board and within one (1) week of the electrocution and may,
8 if an investigation was done, furnish the electrical board
9 a written statement of all facts relating to its cause and
10 origin, and other information required by forms provided by
11 the electrical board.

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13 (c) In performing the duties imposed by this section,
14 the chief electrical inspector, or his designee, may:

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16 (i) Enter and examine any property, building or
17 premises where any electrocution occurred;

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19 (ii) Enter any property, building or premises
20 adjacent to that in which an electrocution occurred;

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22 (iii) Take full control and custody of the
23 buildings and premises until his examination and
24 investigations are completed; and

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1 (iv) Take testimony under oath and cause the
2 testimony to be reduced to writing. In taking testimony
3 and performing an investigation, the chief electrical
4 inspector or his designee may:

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6 (A) Subpoena witnesses and compel their
7 attendance before him;

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9 (B) Cause to be produced papers he requires
10 in the examination; and

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12 (C) Administer oaths and affirmations to
13 persons appearing as witnesses before him.

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15 (d) When the examination discloses that an
16 electrocution involved criminal activity, the chief
17 electrical inspector shall transmit a copy of the testimony
18 to the district attorney for the county where the
19 electrocution occurred.

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21 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-9-119 by creating a new subsection
22 (b) and 35-9-124(a) (i) are amended to read:

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24 **35-9-119. Duties of chief electrical inspector.**

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2 (b) The chief electrical inspector may:

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4 (i) Investigate electrocutions that occur in the
5 state pursuant to W.S. 35-9-131; and

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7 (ii) Investigate facilities or installations
8 where electrocutions have occurred upon request by the
9 owner. The electrical board may charge reasonable fees not
10 exceeding the cost of an investigation under this
11 paragraph.

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13 **35-9-124. Powers and duties of board; appeals.**

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15 (a) The board shall:

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17 (i) Adopt rules and regulations to implement
18 W.S. 35-9-122 through ~~35-9-130~~ 35-9-131;

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20 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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