

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; requiring cooperation between agencies with
4 authority to investigate electrocutions; providing for a
5 report to the electrical board; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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

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

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

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1 (a) The chief electrical inspector, or his designee,
2 may investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of each
3 electrocution occurring in the state that was reported to
4 the chief electrical inspector or was subject to emergency
5 response. In cases where more than one (1) agency has
6 investigative authority over the electrocution, all
7 agencies shall work together to fully investigate.

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

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

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

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

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2 (iii) Take full control and custody of the
3 buildings and premises until his examination and
4 investigations are completed; and

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6 (iv) Take testimony under oath and cause the
7 testimony to be reduced to writing. In taking testimony
8 and performing an investigation, the chief electrical
9 inspector or his designee may:

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11 (A) Subpoena witnesses and compel their
12 attendance before him;

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14 (B) Cause to be produced papers he requires
15 in the examination; and

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17 (C) Administer oaths and affirmations to
18 persons appearing as witnesses before him.

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20 (d) When the examination discloses that an
21 electrocution involved criminal activity, the chief
22 electrical inspector shall transmit a copy of the testimony
23 to the district attorney or county and prosecuting attorney
24 for the county where the electrocution occurred.

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2 **Section 2.** W.S. 35-9-119 by creating a new subsection

3 (b) and 35-9-124(a)(i) are amended to read:

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5 **35-9-119. Duties of chief electrical inspector.**

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7 (b) The chief electrical inspector may:

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

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12 (ii) Investigate facilities or installations
13 where electrocutions have occurred upon request by the
14 owner. The electrical board may charge reasonable fees not
15 exceeding the cost of an investigation under this
16 paragraph.

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18 **35-9-124. Powers and duties of board; appeals.**

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20 (a) The board shall:

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

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

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