

AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. That Section 50-606, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

~~50-606.POLICE POWERS OF MAYOR. The mayor shall have such jurisdiction as may be vested in him by ordinance over all places within five (5) miles of the corporate limits of the city, for the enforcement of any health or quarantine ordinance and regulation thereof, and shall have jurisdiction in all matters vested in him by ordinance, except taxation, within one (1) mile of the corporate limits of said city and over such properties as may be owned by the city without the corporate limits.~~

SECTION 2. That Section 54-1001B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1001B.INSPECTION PROVISIONS INAPPLICABLE WHEN INSTALLATION COVERED BY MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE. The provisions of this act relating to state inspection, except as provided in section [54-1001C](#), shall not apply within the ~~corporate limits of incorporated cities and villages~~ local government's boundaries which, by ordinance or building code, prescribe the manner in which wires or equipment to convey current and apparatus to be operated by such current shall be installed, provided that the provisions of the National Electrical Code are used as the minimum standard in the preparation of such ordinances or building codes and provided that actual inspections are made.

SECTION 3. That Section 54-1001C, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1001C.INSPECTIONS WITHIN MUNICIPALITIESLOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION -- WHEN AUTHORIZED. The administrator of the division of building safety may make electrical inspections within any ~~city~~ local government upon written request from the ~~mayor or manager of such city~~ local government. Such inspections shall be made in accordance with the local ordinance or building code. Service of the inspector shall be furnished at cost, such cost to be paid monthly to the administrator by the ~~city~~ local government requesting inspection service.

SECTION 4. That Section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1003A.DEFINITIONS. (1) Electrical Contractor. Except as provided in section [54-1016](#), Idaho Code, any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation engaging in, conducting, or carrying on the business of installing wires or equipment to carry electric current or installing apparatus to be operated by such current, or entering into agreements to install such wires, equipment or apparatus, shall for the purpose of this act be known as an electrical contractor. An electrical contractor, prior to being issued a license, shall be required to

1 provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)  
2 and proof of worker's compensation insurance if applicable.

3 (2) Journeyman Electrician. Except as provided in section [54-1016](#), Idaho Code, and  
4 subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this section, any person who personally performs or supervises  
5 the actual physical work of installing electric wiring or equipment to convey electric current, or  
6 apparatus to be operated by such current, shall, for the purpose of this act, be known as a  
7 journeyman electrician.

8 (3) Apprentice Electrician. Any person who, for the purpose of learning the trade of  
9 journeyman electrician, engages in the installation of electric wiring, equipment, or apparatus  
10 while under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified journeyman electrician shall, for  
11 the purpose of this act, be known as an apprentice electrician.

12 (4) Maintenance Electrician. Any person who is regularly employed to service, maintain  
13 or repair electrical apparatus, or to make minor repairs or alterations to existing electrical wires  
14 or equipment located on his employer's premises shall, for the purpose of this act, be known as a  
15 maintenance electrician.

16 (5) Master Electrician. A person who has the necessary qualifications, training,  
17 experience and technical knowledge to plan, layout or design the installation of electrical wiring  
18 or equipment, or to supervise such planning, layout, or design, and who performs or supervises  
19 such planning, layout or design, shall, for the purpose of this act, be known as a master  
20 electrician.

21 (6) Specialty Electrician. A person having the necessary qualifications, training,  
22 experience and technical knowledge to install, alter, repair and supervise the installing, altering  
23 or repairing of special classes of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment within categories  
24 adopted by the board. Specialty electricians shall perform work only within the scope of the  
25 specialty category for which the person is licensed.

26 (7) Specialty Electrical Contractor. Except as provided in section [54-1016](#), Idaho Code,  
27 any person, partnership, company, firm, association or corporation engaging in, conducting or  
28 carrying on the business of installing, altering or repairing special classes of electrical wiring,  
29 apparatus or equipment within categories adopted by the board or entering into agreements to  
30 perform such specialty work, shall for the purpose of this act be known as a specialty electrical  
31 contractor. Specialty electrical contractors shall perform work only within the scope of the  
32 specialty category for which the contractor is licensed. A specialty electrical contractor, prior to  
33 being issued a license, shall be required to provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of  
34 three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) and proof of worker's compensation insurance if  
35 applicable.

36 (8) Specialty Electrical Trainee. Any person who, for the purpose of learning the trade of  
37 a specialty electrician, engages in the installation of electrical wiring, equipment or apparatus  
38 while under the constant on-the-job supervision of a qualified specialty electrician shall, for the  
39 purpose of this act, be known as a specialty electrical trainee.

40 (9) Local Government. Any incorporated city or any county in the state.

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42 SECTION 5. That Section 54-1005, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
43 read as follows:  
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1           54-1005.RULES -- INSPECTIONS -- INSPECTION TAGS AND FEES. (1) The  
2 administrator of the division of building safety is hereby authorized and directed to enforce rules  
3 consistent with this act for the administration of this act and to effectuate the purposes thereof,  
4 and for the examination and licensing of electrical contractors, journeyman electricians, master  
5 electricians, specialty electricians, specialty electrical contractors, specialty electrical trainees  
6 and apprentice electricians, and to make inspections of electrical installations referred to in  
7 section 54-1001, Idaho Code, and to issue inspection tags covering such installations, and to  
8 collect the fees established therefor.

9           (2) The administrator of the division of building safety may make electrical inspections  
10 for another state or local jurisdiction upon request by an appropriate building official. Such  
11 inspections shall be made in accordance with the applicable electrical codes of the requesting  
12 jurisdiction. Fees charged for such inspection services shall be as provided in the rules  
13 promulgated by the board. No provision of this chapter shall preclude local governments from  
14 collecting fees for permits and inspections where such work is regulated and enforced by city or  
15 county code.

16           (3) Individuals, firms, cooperatives, corporations, or municipalities selling electricity,  
17 hereinafter known as the power supplier, shall not connect with or energize any electrical  
18 installation, coming under the provisions of this act, unless the owner or a licensed electrical  
19 contractor has delivered to the power supplier an inspection tag, issued by the administrator,  
20 covering the installation to be energized. Immediately after an installation has been energized,  
21 the power supplier shall deliver to the administrator or his authorized agent, the inspection tag  
22 covering such installation.

23           (4) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, company, firm, association or  
24 corporation other than a power supplier, to energize any electrical installation coming under the  
25 provisions of this act unless an application for an electrical inspection tag, covering such  
26 installation, together with the inspection fee herein provided, has been forwarded to the  
27 administrator.

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29           SECTION 6. That Section 54-1019, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
30 read as follows:

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32           54-1019.QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS. The administrator of the division of  
33 building safety shall appoint the number of deputy electrical inspectors as may be required for  
34 the effective enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. All inspectors shall be skilled in  
35 electrical installations with not less than four (4) years of actual experience as a journeyman  
36 electrician, shall possess certificates of competency prior to appointment, and shall be fully  
37 familiar with the provisions of this chapter and rules made both by the administrator and the  
38 Idaho electrical board. No inspector employed by the division of building safety and assigned to  
39 the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter shall be engaged or financially interested in an  
40 electrical business, trade, practice or work, or the sale of any supplies connected therewith, nor  
41 shall he act as an agent, directly or indirectly, for any person, firm, copartnership, association or  
42 corporation so engaged. Inspectors employed by ~~municipalities~~ local governments electing to  
43 claim exemption under this chapter must possess the qualifications set forth in this section.  
44 Inspectors employed by the division of building safety shall take and pass, before the end of their  
45 probationary period, the general inspector's test administered by the educational testing service,

1 or future tests developed by the educational testing service for that purpose, or such examination  
2 developed for similar purposes, and administered by another testing agency, which the Idaho  
3 electrical board may select. The board may also promulgate rules relative to the applicability of  
4 this provision to existing electrical inspectors with permanent status in the division.

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6 SECTION 7. That Section 54-2601, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
7 read as follows:

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9 54-2601.DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PURPOSE OF ACT. The purpose of this  
10 act is to provide certain minimum standards and requirements for the use of and the design,  
11 construction, installation, improvement, extension and alteration of materials, piping, venting,  
12 fixtures, appliances and appurtenances in relation to plumbing and plumbing systems hereinafter  
13 defined, and to provide that all plumbing and plumbing systems shall be designed, constructed,  
14 installed, improved, extended and altered in substantial accord with the Uniform Plumbing Code  
15 published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and as it shall  
16 be amended, revised, compiled and published from time to time and as such amendments or  
17 revisions shall be adopted by the Idaho plumbing board; provided that the provisions of this act  
18 shall not apply, except as hereinafter provided, to ~~cities if such cities~~ a local government,  
19 meaning any incorporated city or any county in the state, who have or enacts ordinances or  
20 codes prescribing the equal minimum standards and requirements including the enforcement  
21 thereof as provided by this act.

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23 SECTION 8. That Section 54-2619, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
24 read as follows:

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26 54-2619.~~MUNICIPAL~~ LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEES FOR PERMITS, INSPECTIONS --  
27 EXCEPTIONS. No provision of this act shall deprive ~~incorporated cities, including those~~  
28 ~~specialy chartered~~ local governments from collections of fees from permits and inspections.  
29 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections ~~50-304, and 50-306 and 50-606~~, Idaho Code, no  
30 ~~cities, including those specialy chartered~~ local government shall require occupational license  
31 fees from plumbing contractors and journeymen who possess a valid certificate of competency  
32 issued by the administrator of the division of building safety, except those cities that have  
33 qualified plumbing inspectors.

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35 SECTION 9. That Section 54-2620, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
36 read as follows:

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38 54-2620.PERMITS REQUIRED -- EXCEPTIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person,  
39 firm, copartnership, association or corporation to do, or cause or permit to be done, after the  
40 adoption of this act, whether acting as principal, agent or employee, any construction,  
41 installation, improvement, extension or alteration of any plumbing system in any building,  
42 residence or structure, or service lines thereto, in the state of Idaho, without first procuring a  
43 permit from the division of building safety authorizing such work to be done, except:

1 (1) Within the boundaries of ~~incorporated cities, including those specially chartered local~~  
2 ~~governments~~, where such work is regulated and enforced by an ordinance or code equivalent to  
3 this chapter;

4 ~~(2) Within such additional area within five (5) miles of the city limits over which such~~  
5 ~~city has elected to exercise jurisdiction relative to building drains and building sewers pursuant~~  
6 ~~to section 50-606, Idaho Code, on buildings, residences and structures being converted from an~~  
7 ~~on-site sewage disposal system to a sewage disposal system supplied by the city, where such~~  
8 ~~work is regulated and enforced by an ordinance or code equivalent to this chapter. Cities shall~~  
9 ~~provide the division of building safety written notice of the area over which such jurisdiction will~~  
10 ~~be exercised. No city may exercise such jurisdiction within the limits of another city unless both~~  
11 ~~cities have agreed by ordinance to allow such jurisdiction. For purposes of this chapter building~~  
12 ~~drain and building sewer will be defined according to the definition found in the uniform~~  
13 ~~plumbing code or as adopted by the board, pursuant to section 54-2601, Idaho Code.~~

14 Permits shall be issued only to a person, or to a firm, copartnership, association or  
15 corporation represented by a person holding a valid certificate of competency, or to a person who  
16 does his own work in a family dwelling as defined in section 54-2602(1)(a), Idaho Code, except  
17 that permits shall not be required for plumbing work as defined in section 54-2602(1)(b), (1)(c)  
18 and (1)(d), Idaho Code.

19 Provided, a licensed plumber is hereby authorized, after making application for permit  
20 and pending receipt of permit, to proceed and complete improvements or alterations to plumbing  
21 systems, when the cost of said improvement or alteration does not exceed the sum of five  
22 hundred dollars (\$500). Inspection of such work shall be the responsibility of the permit holder  
23 pending an official inspection, which shall be made within sixty (60) days after notification of  
24 inspection.

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26 SECTION 10. That Section 54-2627, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
27 read as follows:

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29 54-2627.APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS -- QUALIFICATIONS -- UNLAWFUL  
30 PRACTICES. The administrator of the division of building safety shall appoint such number of  
31 inspectors as may be required for the effective enforcement of this act. All inspectors shall be  
32 skilled in plumbing installations with not less than five (5) years actual experience, shall possess  
33 certificates of competency prior to appointment, and shall be fully familiar with the provisions of  
34 this act and rules made by both the administrator and the Idaho plumbing board. No inspector  
35 employed by the division of building safety and assigned to the enforcement of this act shall be  
36 engaged or financially interested in a plumbing business, trade, practice or work, or the sale of  
37 any supplies connected therewith, nor shall he act as an agent, directly or indirectly, for any  
38 person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation so engaged. Inspectors employed by  
39 ~~municipalities~~ local governments electing to claim exemption under this act must possess the  
40 qualifications set forth in this section.

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