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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERMITS TO
11 *CONDUCT CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF*
12 *ELECTRICAL WORK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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15 **Subtitle**

16 *TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERMIT*
17 *TO CONDUCT CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OR*
18 *MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORK.*

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 31, Subchapter 1 is amended*
24 *to add additional sections to read as follows:*

25 *20-31-106. Permits to conduct construction, installation, or*
26 *maintenance of electrical work -- Inspections.*

27 *(a)(1) The owner or authorized agent of the owner of a property upon*
28 *which the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work will*
29 *occur shall obtain a permit for the construction, installation, or*
30 *maintenance of electrical work from the county or municipality in which the*
31 *property is located in a manner determined by ordinances of the county or*
32 *municipality.*

33 *(2) An authorized agent under subdivision (a)(1) of this section*
34 *may include a:*

1 (A) Master electrician under § 17-28-101 constructing,
2 installing, or performing maintenance upon electrical work on the property;
3 and

4 (B) Residential building contractor under § 17-25-502 if
5 the project is a single family dwelling.

6 (3)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(3)(B) of this
7 section, the permit shall be obtained before the commencement of the
8 construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work.

9 (B) If construction, installation, or maintenance of
10 electrical work must be performed in an emergency situation, the application
11 for a permit shall be submitted within one (1) business day of the
12 construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work.

13 (4)(A) A county or municipality may charge a reasonable fee for
14 a permit under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

15 (B) The amount of the fee shall be established by
16 ordinance of the county or municipality.

17 (5) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(3)(B) of this section,
18 if the construction, installation, or maintenance of electrical work occurs
19 before a permit is obtained, the owner of the property upon which the
20 electrical work occurred or the authorized agent charged with obtaining the
21 permit shall be subject to a fine by the permitting authority of three (3)
22 times the amount of the permit fee established under subdivision (a)(4) of
23 this section.

24 (b)(1)(A)(i) Electrical wiring or conduit containing electrical wiring
25 shall not be concealed from view until the completion of an inspection by the
26 authority issuing the permit for the construction, installation, or
27 maintenance of electrical work.

28 (ii) An inspection under subdivision (b)(1)(A)(i) of
29 this section shall not be scheduled until all joints have been made with
30 approved connections and all pigtail connectors have been provided for
31 hanging fixtures.

32 (B) The electrical wiring or conduit shall not be
33 concealed from view until the person conducting the inspection indicates the
34 work satisfies the statewide standards for the construction, installation,
35 and maintenance of electrical facilities and the performance of electrical
36 work under § 20-31-104.

