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A Bill

SENATE BILL 567

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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13 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERMIT
14 TO CONDUCT CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OR
15 MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORK.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 31, Subchapter 1 is amended
22 to add additional sections to read as follows:

23 20-31-106. Permits to conduct construction, installation, or
24 maintenance of electrical work -- Inspections.

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

31 (2) An authorized agent under subdivision (a)(1) of this section
32 may include a:

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

36 (B) Residential building contractor under § 17-25-502 if



1 the project is a single family dwelling.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (2)(A) Electricity shall not be transmitted through any
34 electrical work for which a permit was obtained under subdivision (a)(1) of
35 this section until the completion of a final inspection by the authority
36 issuing the permit for the construction, installation, or maintenance of

1 electrical work.

2 (B) If the person conducting the inspection indicates the
3 work satisfies the statewide standards for the construction, installation,
4 and maintenance of electrical facilities and the performance of electrical
5 work under § 20-31-104, electricity may be transmitted through the electrical
6 work.

7 (3) If a person conducting an inspection under subdivisions
8 (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section notes a deficiency in the electrical work,
9 the deficiency shall be corrected and a re-inspection shall be requested.

10 (4) An electrical inspection under this section shall be
11 performed by a county or municipal electrical inspector.

12 (5) A county or municipality that requires any type of
13 construction inspection shall require the inspections to include an
14 electrical inspection performed by a county or municipal electrical
15 inspector.

16 (c) This section shall not abridge the authority of the Department of
17 Labor.

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19 20-31-107. Installation or activation of electrical meters.

20 An electrical utility company shall not install or activate an
21 electrical meter without first obtaining the approval of the county or
22 municipality in which the property is located in a manner determined by
23 ordinances of the county or municipality.

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25 /s/J. Jeffress
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