

By: Cook of Colorado

H.B. No. 64

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exemption for certain irrigation systems from
3 regulation under the electrician's licensing law.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1305.003(a), Occupations Code, as added
6 by Chapter 1062, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session,
7 2003, is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) This chapter does not apply to:

9 (1) the installation of electrical equipment in a
10 ship, watercraft other than a floating building, railway rolling
11 stock, aircraft, or a motor vehicle other than a mobile home or
12 recreational vehicle;

13 (2) the installation of electrical equipment
14 underground in a mine and in self-propelled mobile surface mining
15 machinery and its attendant electrical trailing cable;

16 (3) the installation of electrical equipment for
17 generation, transformation, transmission, or distribution of power
18 used exclusively to operate railway rolling stock or exclusively
19 for signaling and communications purposes;

20 (4) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
21 repair of communications equipment provided by a
22 telecommunications provider;

23 (5) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
24 repair of electrical equipment under the exclusive control of an

1 electric utility, electric cooperative, or municipally owned
2 utility and used for communications or metering, or for the
3 generation, control, transformation, transmission, and
4 distribution of electrical energy, and located:

5 (A) in a building used exclusively by a utility
6 for those purposes;

7 (B) outdoors on property owned or leased by the
8 utility;

9 (C) on public highways, streets, roads, or other
10 public rights-of-way; or

11 (D) outdoors by established rights in vaults or
12 on private property;

13 (6) work not specifically regulated by a municipal
14 ordinance that is performed in or on a dwelling by a person who owns
15 and resides in the dwelling;

16 (7) work involved in the manufacture of electrical
17 equipment;

18 (8) electrical maintenance work if:

19 (A) the work is performed by a person regularly
20 employed as a maintenance person at the building or premises;

21 (B) the work is performed in conjunction with the
22 business in which the person is employed; and

23 (C) the person does not engage in electrical work
24 for the public;

25 (9) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
26 repair of electrical equipment or associated wiring under the
27 exclusive control of a gas utility and used for communications or

1 metering or for the control, transmission, or distribution of
2 natural gas;

3 (10) thoroughfare lighting, traffic signals,
4 intelligent transportation systems, and telecommunications
5 controlled by a governmental entity;

6 (11) electrical connections supplying heating,
7 ventilation, and cooling and refrigeration equipment, including
8 any required disconnect exclusively for the equipment, if the
9 service is performed by a licensed air conditioning and
10 refrigeration contractor under Chapter 1302;

11 (12) the design, installation, erection, repair, or
12 alteration of Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 remote control,
13 signaling, or power-limited circuits, fire alarm circuits, optical
14 fiber cables, or communications circuits, including raceways, as
15 defined by the National Electrical Code;

16 (13) landscape irrigation installers, as necessary to
17 perform the installation and maintenance of irrigation control
18 systems, and landscapers, as necessary to perform the installation
19 and maintenance of low-voltage exterior lighting and holiday
20 lighting excluding any required power source;

21 (14) a person who is employed by and performs
22 electrical work solely for a private industrial business, including
23 a business that operates a chemical plant, petrochemical plant,
24 refinery, natural gas plant, natural gas treating plant, pipeline,
25 or oil and gas exploration and production operation;

26 (15) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
27 repair of elevators, escalators, or related equipment, excluding

1 any required power source, regulated under Chapter 754, Health and
2 Safety Code;

3 (16) the installation, maintenance, alteration, or
4 repair of equipment or network facilities provided or utilized by a
5 cable operator, as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. Section 522, as
6 amended; ~~and~~

7 (17) the location, design, construction, extension,
8 maintenance, and installation of on-site sewage disposal systems in
9 accordance with Chapter 366, Health and Safety Code; and

10 (18) the installation and maintenance of center pivot
11 irrigation systems.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect January 15, 2004.