

HB 540 INTRODUCED BY HARP  
PUBLIC UTILITY OR CITY EXEMPTIONS FROM ELECTRICAL  
LAW

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1/30 REFERRED TO BUSINESS & LABOR  
2/09 HEARING  
2/09 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 House BILL NO. 540  
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE EXEMPTIONS  
 5 OF CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITY OR CITY EQUIPMENT FROM THE  
 6 ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY LAWS; AND AMENDING  
 7 SECTION 37-68-103, MCA."

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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 37-68-103, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "37-68-103. Exemptions. (1) Nothing in this chapter  
 12 shall be deemed to apply to the installation, alteration, or  
 13 repair of electrical signal or communications equipment  
 14 ~~owned-or-operated~~ by a public utility or a city.

15 (2) The licensing or inspection provisions of this  
 16 chapter do not apply to regularly employed maintenance  
 17 electricians doing maintenance work on the business premises  
 18 of their employer, nor do they apply to line work on the  
 19 business premises of the employer or to ordinary and  
 20 customary in-plant or on-site installations, modifications,  
 21 additions, or repairs.

22 (3) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to  
 23 require an individual to hold a license while or for doing  
 24 electrical work on his own property or residence provided  
 25 that said property or residence is maintained for his own

1 use.

2 (4) An individual, firm, partnership, or corporation  
 3 may engage in business as an electrical contractor without  
 4 an electrician's license if all electrical work performed by  
 5 such individual, firm, partnership, or corporation is under  
 6 the direction, control, and supervision of a licensed master  
 7 electrician or under the direction, control, and supervision  
 8 of a journeyman electrician for residential construction  
 9 consisting of less than five living units in a single  
 10 structure.

11 (5) Any person who plugs in an electrical appliance  
 12 where an approved electrical outlet is already installed  
 13 shall not be considered as an installer.

14 (6) No provisions of this chapter shall in any manner  
 15 interfere with, hamper, preclude, or prohibit any vendor of  
 16 any electrical appliance from selling, delivering, and  
 17 connecting any electrical appliance if the connection does  
 18 not necessitate the installation of electrical wiring of the  
 19 structure where the appliance is to be connected."

20 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any  
 21 existing authority of the department of commerce or the  
 22 state electrical board to make rules on the subject of the  
 23 provisions of this act is extended to the provisions of this  
 24 act.

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