

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB65

Chairperson: Senator Tom Briese

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 28, 2019

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2108(1) provides that no person shall “wire for or install electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment” unless licensed as an electrician in the State of Nebraska.

The need for this bill arose due to a situation where electricians did not have the proper equipment to vertically bore underground in order to install electrical conduit. Due to the great expense of this equipment, electricians instead hired a boring company to install conduit when needed. The directional boring contractors worked under the direction of the electricians; however, the state determined the necessary boring equipment had to be operated by a licensed electrician. Electricians rely heavily on directional boring contractors.

LB 65 provides that directional boring contractors may install underground conduit when under the supervision of a Class A master electrician, Class B master electrician, journeyman electrician, or Class B journeyman electrician employed by an electrical contractor.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Groene