

KARNATAKA ACT NO.39 OF 2014

THE ELECTRICITY (KARNATAKA AMENDMENT) ACT, 2013

Arrangement of Sections

Sections:

1. Short title and Commencement
2. Insertion of sections 53 A
3. Amendment of section 162
4. Amendment of section 180

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Amending Act 39 of 2014.- It is considered necessary to amend the Electricity Act, 2003 in its application to the State of Karnataka to provide for rule making power to State Government regarding,-

- (i) safety measures and electricity supply;
- (ii) qualifications, powers and functions of the Chief Electrical Inspector and electrical Inspectors;
- (iii) terms and conditions and manner of issue of licence to electrical contractors, permit to Supervisors and Wireman;
- (iv) levy of fee for inspection and other services rendered by electrical inspectorate;
- (v) certain consequential matters.

Hence, the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No. 4 of 2013, File No. Samvyashae 65 Shasana 2012]

[Entry 38 of List III of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

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An Act further to amend the Electricity Act, 2003 in its application to the State of Karnataka.

Whereas, it is expedient to amend the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) in its application to the state of Karnataka for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Sixty Fourth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title and Commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Electricity (Karnataka Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of sections 53 A.- In the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003)(hereinafter referred to as Principal Act), after section 53, the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"53-A. Powers of State Government relating to Safety and Electricity supply.- Where Central Government or the Authority has made no provision relating to following Safety measures and electricity supply the State Government may by rules provide for,-

- (a) terms and Conditions and manner of Inspection by the Chief Electrical Inspector and Electrical Inspectors;
- (b) manner of Issue of Licence to electrical contractors, Permits to Supervisors and wiremen and competency certificates;
- (c) manner of Scrutiny and approval of Electrical Installation drawings,
- (d) levy of fee for the Inspection or other services rendered by the Chief Electrical Inspector or the Electrical Inspectors; and
- (e) the rate and manner of collection of fee. If not remitted within the stipulated time, to recover the same as an arrears of Land revenue."

3. Amendment of section 162.- In section 162 of the Principal Act, after sub-section (2), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"(3) where no provision is made by Central Government or the Authority in respect of powers and functions and qualifications of Chief Electrical Inspector and Electrical Inspectors, the State Government may by rules prescribe the same".

4. Amendment of section 180.- In section 180 of the Principal Act, in sub-section (2),-

(a) after clause (a), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"(aa) Subject to section 53,-

- (i) regarding procedure of Inspection by the Chief Electrical Inspector and Electrical Inspectors;
- (ii) regarding terms and conditions and manner of issue of Licence to electrical Contractors, permit to Supervisors and Wireman and Competency certificates;
- (iii) manner of Scrutiny and approval of Electrical Installation drawings;
- (iv) Levy of fee for inspections and other services rendered by the Chief Electrical Inspector and Electrical Inspectors;
- (v) manner of Collection of fee and if not remitted within the stipulated time to recover the same as arrears of land revenue."

(b) after clause (m), the following shall be inserted, namely:-

"(mm) Subject to section 162 regarding powers and functions and qualifications of the Chief Electrical Inspector and Electrical Inspectors."

By Order and in the name of
the Governor of Karnataka,

S.B. GUNJIGAVI
Secretary to Government
Department of Parliamentary Affairs