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ELECTRICITY

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ELECTRICITY

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An Act to provide for the inspection and control of electrical works and for other purposes in connection therewith.

[Commencement: 12th June, 1936]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Electricity Act.

Interpretation

2. For the purposes of this Act, the expression—
“electricity” means electric current, electric energy or any other like agency;
“electrical equipment” means wires, conductors and all apparatus connected therewith, for the purpose of conveying, transmitting or distributing electricity for any purpose whatsoever.

Duties of Electrical Engineer

3. The duties of the Electrical Engineer shall be as follows—
- (a) the annual inspection of the electrical installation and apparatus in all public buildings and public places of entertainment;
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 - (b) the inspection of electrical installations in all buildings and places, whether public or private, before energy is supplied, for the purpose of determining whether such installations have been carried out in accordance with the requirements of regulations made under the *Electric Light and Power Act, Cap. 278* and to the satisfaction of the Electrical Engineer;
 - (c) the inspection, on the request of the Commissioner of Police or any insurance company directly concerned or the occupier or owner, of electrical installations in all buildings and places, whether public or private, for the purpose of determining whether such installations meet all proper requirements of safety from personal injury or fire or otherwise to the satisfaction of the Electrical Engineer and whether such installations have been carried out in accordance with the requirements of regulations made under the *Electric Light and Power Act, Cap. 278*;
 - (d) the superintendence of all electrical installations to be carried out in Government places and of rewiring and all repairs in connection with the same and the superintendence of fixing and repairs to all Government lighting conductors and the testing of the same;
 - (e) the inspection of the wiring and connections from the Electric Company's mains to the consumers' meters for the purpose of determining whether the said wiring and connections are capable of conveying to the consumers' meters the electric supply guaranteed by the Company and available at the mains with safety and without undue drop in voltage when all the lights and electrical appliances of the

consumers' installations are in use, and the notification of both the Electric Company and the consumers if the said wiring and connections are found to be incapable of so doing;

- (f) all the duties of the Electrical Engineer provided for under the Bridgetown Electric Lighting and Power Order, 1907, set out in the Schedule to the *Electric Light and Power Act*, Cap. 278;
- (g) such other duties as may be prescribed by the Minister under the authority of this Act and of the *Wireless Telegraphy Act*, Cap. 285.

Consent of Electrical Engineer for supplying of electricity

4.(1) No electricity shall be supplied to any electrical installation completed after the 12th June, 1936, or to any extension of any installation in existence before that date until the Electrical Engineer grants his permission in writing to the person seeking the supply of such electricity.

(2) Where the applicant for the supply of electricity or his representative is dissatisfied with the decision of the Electrical Engineer, he may appeal to the Minister who shall thereupon enquire into and decide upon the matter, and the decision of the Minister shall be final.

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Consent of Electrical Engineer for alterations and extensions

5. No person shall alter or extend his installation without the permission of the Electrical Engineer.

Report of Electrical Engineer to Minister

6. The Electrical Engineer shall immediately after the completion of any inspection or testing by him in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (d) of section 3 make and deliver a report thereon to the Minister.

Fees

7.(1) It shall be lawful for the Electrical Engineer to charge the fees set out in the Schedule in respect of the services mentioned therein.

(2) Once in every fortnight the Electrical Engineer shall make a return to the Accountant-General in which he shall state the fees charged by him during the preceding fortnight together with the names and addresses of the persons by whom such fees are payable and within one month all persons liable for the payment of fees charged under this section shall pay the same into the Consolidated Fund.

Powers of Electrical Engineer

8.(1) It shall be lawful for the Electrical Engineer or his duly authorised agent at all reasonable times to enter any premises for the purpose—

(a) of inspecting any electrical fittings or apparatus with a view to reporting on the condition thereof;

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(b) of satisfying himself that the provisions of this Act or of the *Wireless Telegraphy Act*, Cap. 285, and the regulations made thereunder, have been observed.

(2) The Electrical Engineer shall deliver to the owner or occupier a written notice setting out any defects which in his opinion require to be remedied and the period of time within which such defects shall be remedied.

(3) Any person who obstructs the Electrical Engineer or his duly authorised agent in the course of his duties or fails to comply with the requirements of such notice shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

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Notice of accidents and enquiries

9.(1) The undertakers shall with the least possible delay give to the Electrical Engineer notice in writing of any accident by explosion or fire and also of any other accident of such kind as to have caused, or to be likely to have caused, loss of life, personal injury or serious injury to property which has occurred in any part of the undertakers' works or their circuits or in connection with those works or circuits and also notice of any loss of life, personal injury or serious injury to property occasioned by such accident, and the Electrical Engineer shall thereupon visit the place where the accident occurred and make a preliminary investigation of the circumstances and record in writing his findings.

(2) In the event of loss of life, personal injury or serious injury to property due to any accident in connection with any works or circuits, no alterations or additions shall, without the consent of the Electrical Engineer, be made to any part of such works or circuits which may have contributed to cause such accident nor shall any alterations be made without such consent to the site of the accident until the Electrical Engineer has completed his investigation:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall operate to interfere with rescue work or work necessary for the general safety of life or property.

(3) Where upon such preliminary investigation it appears to the Electrical Engineer that there is reason to believe that the accident was due to any failure to comply with the *Electric Light and Power Act*, Cap. 278 or this Act or of any regulations made thereunder or to neglect of any lawful order given by the Electrical Engineer, or where the Electrical Engineer is satisfied that the accident might have been prevented if proper precautions had been taken and observed in the operating or installing of the works or circuits, the Minister may appoint such persons of electrical or other special skill and experience to hold an enquiry into the nature and cause of the accident who shall forward to the Minister a copy of the evidence taken at such enquiry together with their findings thereon and such further report as may seem to them necessary.

(4) For the purpose of this section, the expression “undertakers” shall have the meaning assigned to it under the *Electric Light and Power Act*, Cap. 278.

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Regulations

10.(1) The Minister may make regulations for the better carrying into effect of this Act, and all such regulations shall be forthwith published in the *Official Gazette* and on such publication shall have full effect as if they were contained in this Act.

(2) All such regulations shall be subject to negative resolution.

Penalty

11. Any person who acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or any regulations shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine of forty-eight dollars or, in default, be imprisoned for three months.

SCHEDULE

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Fees for inspection and testing

	<i>Basic Charge</i> \$ ¢	<i>Plus Cost per Outlet</i> \$ ¢
1. For every inspection, test and report on any domestic electrical installation	3.00	0.25
2. For every inspection, test and report on any business or industrial electrical installation under one kilo-watt of installed capacity ...	7.50	0.50
3. For every inspection, test or report on any business or industrial electrical installation over one kilo-watt of installed capacity	25.00	0.50
4. For every routine inspection, test and report on any business or industrial installation	10.00	

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