



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

# **ELECTRICAL INSPECTION ACT**

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### CHAPTER E-3

#### 1. Definitions

In this Act

- (a) “**Code**” means the Canadian Electrical Code published by the Canadian Standards Association, as adopted and amended by the regulations;
- (a.1) “**consumer**” means any corporation, commission, company, person, association of persons whatsoever, their lessees, trustees, liquidators or receivers utilizing electrical power or energy directly for heat, light or power or for any other purposes either directly or indirectly;
- (b) “**electrical installation**” means the wires, machinery, apparatus, appliances, devices, material and equipment used in, on or about a building, structure or premises by a supply authority or a consumer for the generation, receipt, distribution or use of electrical power or energy;
- (c) “**supply authority**” means any corporation, commission, company, person, association of persons whatsoever, their lessees, trustees, liquidators or receivers, that own or may own, operate, manage or control or may be incorporated for the purpose of owning, operating, managing or controlling any plant or equipment for the production, transmission, delivery or furnishing of electrical energy for heat, light or power or for any other purpose either directly or indirectly to or for the public. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. E-2, s.1; 2008,c.11,s.1; 2013,c.13,s.1.*

#### 2. Canadian Electrical Code, standards

All electrical installations and electrical work done in Prince Edward Island shall conform with the edition of the Code adopted under the regulations, and any amendments, variations, additions, or deletions made thereto in regulations. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. E-2, s.2; 2008,c.11,s.2.*

#### 3. Appointments

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint

- (a) one Chief Electrical Inspector;
- (b) one or more Assistant Electrical Inspectors; and
- (c) any other employees required to carry out the provisions of this Act. *1998,c.85,s.1; 2013,c.13,s.2.*

#### 4. Access to premises

Inspectors appointed under section 3 shall have full access at all reasonable times to the premises of a consumer or supply authority for the purpose of inspecting electrical installations and alterations or additions thereto. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. E-2, s.4.*

## 5. Regulations

- (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations concerning electrical installations and electrical work, including regulations
  - (a) with a view to the prevention of fire and injury to persons and property;
  - (b) respecting the qualification of technicians and contractors engaged in electrical and electronic work in this province and the issuing of licenses and permits thereto;
  - (c) concerning the granting of permits by inspectors appointed under this Act to allow the connecting up of electrical installations by a supply authority to a consumer;
  - (d) concerning the powers of the inspectors to examine electrical installations now in use in this province;
  - (e) for the disconnection of dangerous electrical installations or those that might prove a menace to adjoining property;
  - (f) respecting fees to be charged for inspections, licenses and permits;
  - (g) for *re*-inspections and for the controlling or prohibiting of the installation, erection, use or sale by any person or firm, including a supply authority, within this province of electrical installations dangerous to life or property or not in conformity with the standards set out in the edition of the Code adopted under the regulations, and any amendments, variations, additions or deletions made thereto in regulations;
  - (h) adopting, for the purposes of this Act and the regulations, a specified or prescribed edition of the Code, either in whole or in part, or with such amendments, variations, additions or deletions as may be specified in the regulations;
  - (i) requiring compliance by any person performing electrical work with the edition of the Code adopted under the regulations and any amendments, variations, additions or deletions as may be specified in the regulations.

### Application of edition of the Code adopted under the regulations

- (2) On the adoption of an edition of the Code under the regulations, the edition of the Code shall be in force in the province, either in whole or in part, or with such amendments, variations, additions or deletions as may be specified in the regulations. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. E-2, s.5; 2008, c.11, s.3; 2013, c.13, s.3.*

## 6. Offences and penalties

- (1) If any supply authority or consumer or any person or firm engaged in the sale, installation, erection or use of electrical installations in this province violates any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations or hinders, molests, embarrasses or interferes with an inspector in the performance of his duties, the supply authority or consumer or that person or firm is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000 for each infraction.

### Effect of conviction on requirement for compliance with Act

- (2) Where a supply authority, consumer, person or firm is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) the conviction does not relieve him from compliance with this Act and regulations or any order made with respect thereto and the convicting provincial court judge shall in addition to any fine imposed, order that supply authority, consumer, person or firm to cause to be done within a specified period any act or work necessary to remedy the non-compliance and after the expiry of the specified period, failing due compliance with the order, that supply authority, consumer, person or firm is liable on summary conviction of a further fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 for each day during which the non-

compliance continues or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months or to both such fine and imprisonment. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. E-2, s.6; 1994, c.48, s.10; 1994, c.58, s.6.*

**7. Limitation on liability of inspectors**

Nothing in this Act or regulations renders any of the inspectors or other employees appointed thereunder liable or affects the liability of any supply authority or other corporation or commission, company, firm or individual for injury, loss or damage caused to any person or property by reason of defects in any electrical installation, notwithstanding any inspection or test or the issue of any certificate or permit by any of the said inspectors. *R.S.P.E.I. 1974, Cap. E-2, s.7.*

**8. Latest authorized edition of code**

Repealed by *2008, c.11, s.4. 1971, c.11, s.4; 2008, c.11, s.4.*