



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 81

SENATE COMMERCE AND ENERGY ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Otten** (Herman)

1 **An Act to expand permission on installing electric wiring in a residence.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 36-16-15 be AMENDED:**

4 **36-16-15.** No license is required of a person installing electric wiring in or on:

5 (1) The person's own residence, including attached or unattached accessory structures  
6 and the parcel of land upon which the structures are situated;

7 (2) The person's own farmstead;

8 (3) The premises of a single-family dwelling unit that is in the process of being  
9 constructed if the person owns the premises and intends to occupy the premises  
10 as the person's residence when construction is complete; or

11 (4) The premises of any private, non-habitable property owned by the person that is  
12 not substantially used in connection with a trade or business of the person.

13 Entrance installations in excess of sixty amperes capacity, circuits, or the  
14 installation of electrical parts of other apparatus shall be subject to inspection and  
15 payment of an inspection fee as provided by §§ 36-16-29 and 36-16-30. Failure to report  
16 this work as required by law is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

17 The commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to establish  
18 criteria for authorizing persons to install electric wiring under this section.

19 For the purposes of this section, the term "residence" means a detached owner-  
20 occupied single-family dwelling.