

HOUSE BILL No. 2317

By Representative Whipple

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1 AN ACT concerning labor and employment; relating to training
2 requirements for work on electrical transmission lines.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Prior to commencing work on or in proximity to an
6 electric transmission line of 600 kilovolts or more of electricity or high
7 voltage electrical equipment or facilities associated with such a line, an
8 individual shall receive training or retraining in accordance with
9 occupational safety and health administration (OSHA) training courses
10 and recommendations and in full compliance with all applicable OSHA
11 training provisions pursuant to 29 C.F.R. § 1910.269 or 29 C.F.R. part
12 1926, subpart v, as in effect on July 1, 2016, provided by the individual's
13 employer and certified by the employer to the department of labor.

14 (b) For purposes of this section: (1) "Electric transmission line"
15 means any line or extension of a line that is at least five miles in length
16 and that is used for the bulk transfer of electricity.

17 (2) "High voltage" means electricity in excess of 600 volts measured
18 between conductors or between a conductor and the ground.

19 (c) Training shall be provided at no cost to the employee. If an
20 individual is self-employed, the individual shall obtain the training and
21 provide certification to the department of labor as required by subsection
22 (a).

23 (d) The state corporation commission shall provide assistance to the
24 department of labor as requested by the department of labor for purposes
25 of implementation of this section.

26 (e) The department of labor may adopt rules and regulations for the
27 implementation and administration of this section.

28 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
29 publication in the statute book.