

Floor Amendment to HB 85

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 New Section; New Hampshire Building Code; Installation of Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters;
4 Exception. Amend RSA 155-A by inserting after section 3-b the following new section:

5 155-A:3-c Installation of Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCI); Exception.

6 I. Notwithstanding any provision of the state building code or state fire code requiring the
7 installation of arc-fault circuit interrupters, after repeated tripping of an AFCI device and
8 determination the branch circuit is not causing the AFCI to trip, an AFCI device may be replaced
9 with one without AFCI protection in accordance with this section.

10 II. All receptacle outlets supplied by the branch circuit without AFCI protection shall prior
11 to occupancy either be:

12 (a) Marked "No AFCI Protection;" or

13 (b) Identified in a notice given by the property owner to all occupants.

14 III. If an electrician installs a device without AFCI protection, within 5 working days the
15 electrician shall file an AFCI unwanted tripping report with the National Electrical Manufacturers
16 Association on the association's webpage for arc fault breaker safety, and shall submit a copy of the
17 report to the property owner and the electricians' board.

18 IV. The device without AFCI protection shall be permitted to remain in place for the period
19 of time it takes for the manufacturer to resolve the matter.

20 V. Nothing in this section shall prevent a homeowner from making electrical installations
21 in or about a single family residence owned and occupied by him or her or to be occupied by him or
22 her as his or her bona fide personal abode.

23 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.