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1 AN ACT Relating to the fraudulent installation of fire protection
2 sprinkler systems; adding a new section to chapter 9.45 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.45 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any person who willfully or maliciously constructs, installs,
8 or maintains a fire protection sprinkler system in any structure
9 knowing it to be inoperable or who willfully and knowingly impairs the
10 effective operation of a fire protection sprinkler system, so as to
11 threaten the safety of any occupant or user of the structure in the
12 event of a fire, shall be guilty of a class C felony.

13 (2) For the purpose of this section, "fire protection sprinkler
14 system" means an assembly of underground and/or overhead piping or
15 conduit beginning at the connection to the primary water supply,

1 whether public or private, that conveys water with or without other
2 agents to dispersal openings or devices to extinguish, control, or
3 contain fire and to provide protection from exposure to fire or other
4 products of combustion.

5 (3) For the purpose of this section, "install" means the initial
6 placement of sprinkler systems equipment or the extension,
7 modification, or alteration of equipment after the initial placement.
8 Install or installation shall include the work from a street or main
9 water access throughout the entire building.