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By Representatives R. Meyers, Ferguson, Schmidt, Zellinsky, Winsley, Wilson, Paris and Sheldon; by request of Department of Community Development

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire protection sprinkler systems; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 9.45 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 18.160 RCW;  
3 prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

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 Any fire protection sprinkler system contractor, defined under RCW  
8 18.160.010, who willfully and maliciously constructs, installs, or  
9 maintains a fire protection sprinkler system in any structure so as to  
10 threaten the safety of any occupant or user of the structure in the  
11 event of a fire, is guilty of a class C felony.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.160 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

1 Any fire protection sprinkler system contractor who constructs,  
2 installs, or maintains a fire protection sprinkler system in any  
3 occupancy, except an owner-occupied single-family dwelling, without  
4 first obtaining a fire sprinkler contractor's license from the state of  
5 Washington, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.160 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 Civil proceedings to enforce this chapter may be brought by the  
9 attorney general or the prosecuting attorney of any county where a  
10 violation occurs on his or her own motion or at the request of the  
11 state director of fire protection.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
15 effect immediately.