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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5322**

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**By** Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Conner, Rasmussen, Snyder, Pelz and McCaslin).

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1       AN ACT Relating to emergency exemptions from building codes and  
2 construction standards for housing for indigent persons; and adding a  
3 new section to chapter 19.27 RCW.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       (1) Effective January 1, 1992, the legislative authorities of  
8 cities and counties may adopt an ordinance or resolution to exempt from  
9 state building code requirements buildings whose character of use or  
10 occupancy has been changed in order to provide housing for indigent  
11 persons. The ordinance or resolution allowing the exemption shall  
12 include the following conditions:

13       (a) The exemption is limited to existing buildings located in this  
14 state;

1 (b) Any code deficiencies to be exempted pose no threat to human  
2 life, health, or safety;

3 (c) The building or buildings exempted under this section are owned  
4 or administered by a public agency or nonprofit corporation; and

5 (d) The exemption is authorized for no more than five years on any  
6 given building. An exemption for a building may be renewed if the  
7 requirements of this section are met for each renewal.

8 (2) By January 1, 1992, the state building code council shall adopt  
9 by rule, guidelines for cities and counties exempting buildings under  
10 subsection (1) of this section.