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1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from the uniform fire code; and
2 reenacting and amending RCW 19.27.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.060 and 1989 c 266 s 2 and 1989 c 246 s 1 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The governing bodies of counties and cities may amend the codes
7 enumerated in RCW 19.27.031 as amended and adopted by the state
8 building code council as they apply within their respective
9 jurisdictions, but the amendments shall not result in a code that is
10 less than the minimum performance standards and objectives contained in
11 the state building code.

12 (a) No amendment to a code enumerated in RCW 19.27.031 as amended
13 and adopted by the state building code council that affects single
14 family or multifamily residential buildings shall be effective unless

1 the amendment is approved by the building code council under RCW
2 19.27.074(1)(b).

3 (b) Any county or city amendment to a code enumerated in RCW
4 19.27.031 which is approved under RCW 19.27.074(1)(b) shall continue to
5 be effective after any action is taken under RCW 19.27.074(1)(a)
6 without necessity of reapproval under RCW 19.27.074(1)(b) unless the
7 amendment is declared null and void by the council at the time any
8 action is taken under RCW 19.27.074(1)(a) because such action in any
9 way altered the impact of the amendment.

10 (2) Except as permitted or provided otherwise under this section,
11 the state building code shall be applicable to all buildings and
12 structures including those owned by the state or by any governmental
13 subdivision or unit of local government.

14 (3) The governing body of each county or city may limit the
15 application of any portion of the state building code to exclude
16 specified classes or types of buildings or structures according to use
17 other than single family or multifamily residential buildings:
18 PROVIDED, That in no event shall fruits or vegetables of the tree or
19 vine stored in buildings or warehouses constitute combustible stock for
20 the purposes of application of the uniform fire code.

21 (4) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any building
22 four or more stories high with a B occupancy as defined by the uniform
23 building code, 1982 edition, and with a city fire insurance rating of
24 1, 2, or 3 as defined by a recognized fire rating bureau or
25 organization.

26 (5) No provision of the uniform fire code concerning roadways shall
27 be part of the state building code: PROVIDED, That this subsection
28 shall not limit the authority of a county or city to adopt street,
29 road, or access standards.

1 (6) No provision of the uniform fire code or the uniform fire code
2 standards prohibiting dispensing class I or class II liquids from
3 above-ground tanks by service stations applies to cities, counties, or
4 private businesses that do not distribute fuel to the general public.

5 (7) The provisions of the state building code may be preempted by
6 any city or county to the extent that the code provisions relating to
7 the installation or use of sprinklers in jail cells conflict with the
8 secure and humane operation of jails.

9 (~~(7)~~) (8)(a) Effective one year after July 23, 1989, the
10 governing bodies of counties and cities may adopt an ordinance or
11 resolution to exempt from permit requirements certain construction or
12 alteration of either group R, division 3, or group M, division 1
13 occupancies, or both, as defined in the uniform building code, 1988
14 edition, for which the total cost of fair market value of the
15 construction or alteration does not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.
16 The permit exemption shall not otherwise exempt the construction or
17 alteration from the substantive standards of the codes enumerated in
18 RCW 19.27.031, as amended and maintained by the state building code
19 council under RCW 19.27.070.

20 (b) Prior to July 23, 1989, the state building code council shall
21 adopt by rule, guidelines exempting from permit requirements certain
22 construction and alteration activities under (a) of this subsection.