1821-S
Sponsor(s): House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by
Representatives R. Meyers, Ferguson, Schmidt, Zellinsky, Sheldon,
Winsley, D. Sommers, Bowman, Paris, Miller, Riley, R. Johnson,
Brough, Silver, Roland, Cooper, Horn, Chandler and Moyer)

Brief Description: Making the fraudulent installation of fire
protection sprinkler systems a felony.

HB 1821-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Provides that the fraudulent installation of fire protection
sprinkler systems is a class C felony.
Provides that the installation of a sprinkler system without
a license is a gross misdemeanor.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1821-S
                    May 21, 1991
To the Honorable, the House
  of Representatives of the
  State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:
    I am returning herewith, without my approval Substitute House
Bill No. 1821 entitled:
    "AN ACT Relating to the fraudulent installation of fire
    protection sprinkler systems."
    This act amends the criminal code, making it a gross
misdemeanor for anyone to install, construct, or maintain a fire
protection sprinkler system without first obtaining from the State
of Washington, a fire sprinkler contractor's license.
    In requiring a license for all personnel who work on sprinkler
systems, in-house maintenance employees would be prohibited from
performing responsibilities currently required by their employer.
The drafters of this legislation note that they did not intend to
eliminate the exemption for in-house employees which was enacted
just last year.
    The inadvertent impact of subsection two of this act requires
a veto of the entire section, and thus the entire bill. However,
because the stated goal of this legislation is laudable, I am
directing the Department of Community Development to work with the
proponents of this bill to prepare agency request legislation which
will accomplish the stated goal without the unintended consequence
of this act.
    For the reason stated, I have vetoed Substitute House Bill No.
1821 in its entirety.
                        Respectfully submitted,
                        Booth Gardner
                        Governor