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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale of electrical equipment; and amending
2 RCW 19.28.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.010 and 1992 c 79 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) All wires and equipment, and installations thereof, that convey
7 electric current and installations of equipment to be operated by
8 electric current, in, on, or about buildings or structures, except for
9 telephone, telegraph, radio, and television wires and equipment, and
10 television antenna installations, signal strength amplifiers, and
11 coaxial installations pertaining thereto shall be in strict conformity
12 with this chapter, the statutes of the state of Washington, and the
13 rules issued by the department, and shall be in conformity with
14 approved methods of construction for safety to life and property. All
15 wires and equipment that fall within section 90.2(b)(5) of the National
16 Electrical Code, 1981 edition, are exempt from the requirements of this
17 chapter. The regulations and articles in the National Electrical Code,
18 as approved by the American Standards Association, and in the national
19 electrical safety code, as approved by the American Standards

1 Association, and other installation and safety regulations approved by
2 the American Standards Association, as modified or supplemented by
3 rules issued by the department in furtherance of safety to life and
4 property under authority hereby granted, shall be prima facie evidence
5 of the approved methods of construction. All materials, devices,
6 appliances, and equipment used in such installations shall be of a type
7 that conforms to applicable standards or be indicated as acceptable by
8 the established standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. or
9 other electrical product testing laboratories which are accredited by
10 the department.

11 (2) Residential buildings or structures moved into or within a
12 county, city, or town are not required to comply with all of the
13 requirements of this chapter, if the original occupancy classification
14 of the building or structure is not changed as a result of the move.
15 This subsection shall not apply to residential buildings or structures
16 that are substantially remodeled or rehabilitated.

17 (3) This chapter shall not limit the authority or power of any city
18 or town to enact and enforce under authority given by law, any
19 ordinance, rule, or regulation requiring an equal, higher, or better
20 standard of construction and an equal, higher, or better standard of
21 materials, devices, appliances, and equipment than that required by
22 this chapter. A city or town shall require that its electrical
23 inspectors meet the qualifications provided for state electrical
24 inspectors in accordance with RCW 19.28.070. In a city or town having
25 an equal, higher, or better standard the installations, materials,
26 devices, appliances, and equipment shall be in accordance with the
27 ordinance, rule, or regulation of the city or town. Electrical
28 equipment associated with spas, hot tubs, and swimming pools(~~(, and~~
29 ~~hydromassage bathtubs)~~) shall not be offered for sale or exchange
30 unless the electrical equipment is certified as being in compliance
31 with the applicable product safety standard by bearing the
32 certification mark of an approved electrical products testing
33 laboratory. Hydromassage bathtubs shall not be offered for sale or
34 exchange unless the complete unit, including both the tub and
35 electrical equipment, is certified as being in compliance with
36 applicable product safety standards by bearing the certification mark
37 of an approved electrical products testing laboratory.

38 (4) Nothing in this chapter may be construed as permitting the
39 connection of any conductor of any electric circuit with a pipe that is

1 connected with or designed to be connected with a waterworks piping
2 system, without the consent of the person or persons legally
3 responsible for the operation and maintenance of the waterworks piping
4 system.

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