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1 AN ACT Relating to radon testing in residential structures; and
2 amending RCW 19.27.192.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.192 and 1992 c 132 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Beginning July 1, 1992, at the time of final inspection of a
7 new single-family residence or (~~each ground floor unit in~~) a
8 multifamily residential building, the building inspector shall deliver
9 to (~~each residence and each ground floor unit a three-month etched~~
10 ~~track radon measurement device that is listed on a current federal~~
11 ~~environmental protection agency radon measurement proficiency list.~~
12 ~~Postage to the testing facility and the cost of testing and~~
13 ~~notification to the homeowner shall be included with the device. The~~
14 ~~device, the instructions included with the device, and the instructions~~
15 ~~provided by the state building code council pursuant to subsection (2)~~
16 ~~of this section shall be placed in a conspicuous location)) the
17 property owner a preaddressed postcard to be returned to the
18 jurisdiction at the discretion of the property owner. The property
19 owner may indicate, on the card, his or her desire to have a three-~~

1 month etched-track radon measurement device supplied to him or her at
2 no charge. The ~~((device))~~ card shall be provided to the building
3 inspector by the local government.

4 (2) Not later than June 15, 1992, in consultation with the
5 department of health and the Washington state association of building
6 code officials, the state building code council shall:

7 (a) Develop instructions for use by the property owner or occupant
8 on the proper means of installation, maintenance and removal of the
9 radon measurement device provided for in subsection (1) of this section
10 and distribute the instructions to all affected county and city
11 building departments; and

12 (b) Distribute to all affected county and city building departments
13 the current federal environmental protection agency radon measurement
14 proficiency list and known sources for the devices.

15 (3) The property owner of a new single-family residence or of a
16 multifamily residential building shall be responsible for returning the
17 radon measurement device request card left by a building inspector
18 pursuant to this section ~~((to the appropriate testing laboratory in
19 accordance with the instructions left with the device by the building
20 inspector))~~.

21 (4) The building inspector's approval of the final inspection on
22 the final inspection record card shall be prima facie evidence that the
23 building inspector left the radon measurement device request card and
24 instructions as required by this section.

25 (5) The building inspector responsible for the final inspection,
26 the building inspector's employer, and the county or city within which
27 a single-family residence or multifamily residential building is
28 located shall not be liable for injuries caused by:

29 (a) The failure of the occupant or owner of the residence or
30 building to request, properly install, monitor, or send a radon
31 measurement device to the testing laboratory; or

32 (b) Radon entering into any single-family residence or multifamily
33 residential building.

34 (6) This section shall expire June 30, 1995.

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