HOUSE BILL 1434

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1   AN ACT Relating to life safety standards in multifamily apartment
2 buildings; amending RCW 19.27.015; and adding a new section to chapter
3 19.27 RCW.

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

5   **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.015 and 1996 c 157 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:
7   As used in this chapter:
8   (1) "City" means a city or town;
9   (2) "Multifamily residential building" means common wall
10 residential buildings that consist of ((four)) <u>five</u> or fewer units,
11 that do not exceed two stories in height, that are less than five
12 thousand square feet in area, and that have a one-hour fire-resistive
13 occupancy separation between units; and
14   (3) "Temporary growing structure" means a structure that has the
15 sides and roof covered with polyethylene, polyvinyl, or similar
16 flexible synthetic material and is used to provide plants with either
17 frost protection or increased heat retention.

1   <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27 RCW
2   to read as follows:
3   (1) The building code council shall adopt rules by December 1,
4   2001, requiring that automatic sprinkler systems be installed
5   throughout any building classified as a group R, division 1 occupancy,
6   as defined in the state building code that contains five or more units,
7   that is constructed after December 1, 2001, and is less than three
8   stories in height or contains less than sixteen dwelling units.
9   (2) As used in this section, "automatic sprinkler system" means an
10 approved system of devices and equipment that automatically detects a
11 fire and discharges an approved fire-extinguishing agent onto or in the
12 area of a fire.

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