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1 AN ACT Relating to inspection of facilities used for temporary
2 storage and processing of agricultural commodities; and reenacting and
3 amending RCW 19.27.060.

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

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

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

13 (a) No amendment to a code enumerated in RCW 19.27.031 as amended
14 and adopted by the state building code council that affects single
15 family or multifamily residential buildings shall be effective unless
16 the amendment is approved by the building code council under RCW
17 19.27.074(1)(b).

18 (b) Any county or city amendment to a code enumerated in RCW
19 19.27.031 which is approved under RCW 19.27.074(1)(b) shall continue to

1 be effective after any action is taken under RCW 19.27.074(1)(a)
2 without necessity of reapproval under RCW 19.27.074(1)(b) unless the
3 amendment is declared null and void by the council at the time any
4 action is taken under RCW 19.27.074(1)(a) because such action in any
5 way altered the impact of the amendment.

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

10 (3) The governing body of each county or city may limit the
11 application of any portion of the state building code to exclude
12 specified classes or types of buildings or structures according to use
13 other than single family or multifamily residential buildings(~~(÷~~
14 ~~PROVIDED, That~~)). However, in no event shall fruits or vegetables of
15 the tree or vine stored in buildings or warehouses constitute
16 combustible stock for the purposes of application of the uniform fire
17 code. Further, in no event does the authority to inspect pertain to
18 facilities used for temporary storage and processing of agricultural
19 commodities. This provision does not limit the code official from
20 inspecting such facilities under construction.

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.

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

34 (7)(a) Effective one year after July 23, 1989, the governing bodies
35 of counties and cities may adopt an ordinance or resolution to exempt
36 from permit requirements certain construction or alteration of either
37 group R, division 3, or group M, division 1 occupancies, or both, as
38 defined in the uniform building code, 1988 edition, for which the total
39 cost of fair market value of the construction or alteration does not

1 exceed fifteen hundred dollars. The permit exemption shall not
2 otherwise exempt the construction or alteration from the substantive
3 standards of the codes enumerated in RCW 19.27.031, as amended and
4 maintained by the state building code council under RCW 19.27.070.

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

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