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1 AN ACT Relating to fire detection devices for the hearing impaired;
2 and amending RCW 48.48.140.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.48.140 and 1995 c 369 s 34 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Smoke detection devices shall be installed inside all dwelling
7 units:

8 (a) Occupied by persons other than the owner on and after December
9 31, 1981; or

10 (b) Built or manufactured in this state after December 31, 1980.

11 (2) If the dwelling unit is occupied by a hearing impaired person,
12 at least one smoke detection device for hearing impaired persons shall
13 be installed on each level of the dwelling unit and in each bedroom of
14 the dwelling unit occupied by a hearing impaired person.

15 (3) The smoke detection devices shall be designed, manufactured,
16 and installed inside dwelling units in conformance with:

17 (a) Nationally accepted standards; and

1 (b) As provided by the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05
2 RCW, rules and regulations promulgated by the chief of the Washington
3 state patrol, through the director of fire protection.

4 ~~((+3))~~ (4) Supply and installation of all smoke detection devices
5 shall be the responsibility of the owner. Maintenance of smoke
6 detection devices, including the replacement of batteries where
7 required for the proper operation of the smoke detection device, shall
8 be the responsibility of the tenant, who shall maintain the device as
9 specified by the manufacturer. At the time of a vacancy, the owner
10 shall insure that the smoke detection device is operational prior to
11 the reoccupancy of the dwelling unit.

12 ~~((+4))~~ (5) Any owner or tenant failing to comply with this section
13 shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars.

14 ~~((+5))~~ (6) For the purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Dwelling unit" means a single unit providing complete,
16 independent living facilities for one or more persons including
17 permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and
18 sanitation; ~~((and))~~

19 (b) "Smoke detection device" means an assembly incorporating in one
20 unit a device which detects visible or invisible particles of
21 combustion, the control equipment, and the alarm-sounding device,
22 operated from a power supply either in the unit or obtained at the
23 point of installation; and

24 (c) "Smoke detection device for hearing impaired persons" means an
25 approved smoke alarm that, when activated by smoke or products of
26 combustion, produces an audible and a visual warning. The visual
27 warning shall produce a light signal sufficient to warn a hearing
28 impaired person of the presence of fire or smoke.

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