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1 AN ACT Relating to regulating fire protection sprinkler system
2 contractors; amending RCW 18.160.030; adding a new section to chapter
3 18.160 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.160.030 and 2000 c 171 s 35 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) This chapter shall be administered by the state director of
8 fire protection.

9 (2) The state director of fire protection shall have the authority,
10 and it shall be his or her duty to:

11 (a) Issue such administrative regulations as necessary for the
12 administration of this chapter;

13 (b)(i) Set reasonable fees for licenses, certificates, testing, and
14 other aspects of the administration of this chapter. However, the
15 license fee for fire protection sprinkler system contractors engaged
16 solely in the installation, inspection, maintenance, or servicing of
17 NFPA 13-D fire protection sprinkler systems shall not exceed one
18 hundred dollars, and the license fee for fire protection sprinkler

1 system contractors engaged solely in the installation, inspection,
2 maintenance, or servicing of NFPA 13-R fire protection sprinkler
3 systems shall not exceed three hundred dollars;

4 (ii) Adopt rules establishing a special category restricted to
5 contractors registered under chapter 18.27 RCW who install underground
6 systems that service fire protection sprinkler systems. The rules
7 shall be adopted within ninety days of March 31, 1992;

8 (iii) Subject to section 2 of this act, adopt rules defining
9 infractions under this chapter and fines to be assessed for those
10 infractions;

11 (c) Enforce the provisions of this chapter;

12 (d) Conduct investigations of complaints to determine if any
13 infractions of this chapter or the regulations developed under this
14 chapter have occurred;

15 (e) Assign a certificate number to each certificate of competency
16 holder; and

17 (f) Adopt rules necessary to implement and administer a program
18 which requires the affixation of a seal any time a fire protection
19 sprinkler system is installed, which seal shall include the certificate
20 number of any certificate of competency holder who installs, in whole
21 or in part, the fire protection sprinkler system.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.160 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 (1) A fire protection sprinkler system contractor found to have
25 committed an infraction under this chapter as defined in rule under RCW
26 18.160.030(2)(b)(iii) shall be assessed a fine of not less than two
27 hundred dollars and not more than five thousand dollars.

28 (2) A fire protection sprinkler system contractor who fails to
29 obtain a certificate of competency under RCW 18.160.040 shall be
30 assessed a fine of not less than one thousand dollars and not more than
31 five thousand dollars.

32 (3) All fines collected under this section shall be deposited into
33 the fire protection contractor license fund.

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