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1 AN ACT Relating to residential use of ground water; and amending
2 RCW 90.44.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.44.050 and 1987 c 109 s 108 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 After June 6, 1945, no withdrawal of public ground waters of the
7 state shall be begun, nor shall any well or other works for such
8 withdrawal be constructed, unless an application to appropriate such
9 waters has been made to the department and a permit has been granted by
10 it as herein provided: EXCEPT, HOWEVER, That any withdrawal of public
11 ground waters for stock-watering purposes, or for the watering of a
12 lawn or of a noncommercial garden not exceeding one-half acre in area,
13 or for single or group domestic uses of not more than five residences
14 in an amount not exceeding five thousand gallons a day, or for group
15 domestic uses of more than five residences in an amount not exceeding
16 one thousand gallons a day for each residence, or for an industrial
17 purpose in an amount not exceeding five thousand gallons a day, is and
18 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, but, to the extent
19 that it is regularly used beneficially, shall be entitled to a right

1 equal to that established by a permit issued under the provisions of
2 this chapter(~~(: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That)~~). The department from time
3 to time may require the person or agency making any such small
4 withdrawal to furnish information as to the means for and the quantity
5 of that withdrawal(~~(: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That)~~). The department shall
6 require that any well supplying group domestic uses of more than five
7 residences under the exemption from permitting provided by this section
8 be metered if such service is initiated after the effective date of
9 this act.

10 At the option of the party making withdrawals of ground waters of
11 the state not exceeding five thousand gallons per day, applications
12 under this section or declarations under RCW 90.44.090 may be filed and
13 permits and certificates obtained in the same manner and under the same
14 requirements as is in this chapter provided in the case of withdrawals
15 in excess of five thousand gallons a day.

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