
HOUSE BILL 2782

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state building code; and amending RCW
2 19.27.031 and 19.27.110.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.031 and 2003 c 291 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, there shall be in
7 effect in all counties and cities the state building code which shall
8 consist of the following codes which are hereby adopted by reference:

9 (1)(a) The International Building Code, published by the
10 International Code Council(~~{,}~~), Inc.;

11 (b) The International Residential Code, published by the
12 International Code Council, Inc.;

13 (2) The (~~International~~) Uniform Mechanical Code, published by the
14 International (~~Code Council[,]~~ Inc., ~~except that the standards for~~
15 ~~liquified petroleum gas installations shall be NFPA 58 (Storage and~~
16 ~~Handling of Liquified Petroleum Gases) and ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54~~
17 ~~(National Fuel Gas Code)~~) Association of Plumbing and Mechanical
18 Officials;

1 (3) The (~~International~~) Uniform Fire Code, published by the
2 (~~International Code Council[,] Inc., including those standards of~~
3 the) National Fire Protection Association (~~(specifically referenced in~~
4 ~~the International Fire Code: PROVIDED, That,)~~). However,
5 notwithstanding any wording in this code, participants in religious
6 ceremonies shall not be precluded from carrying hand-held candles;

7 (4) Except as provided in RCW 19.27.170, the Uniform Plumbing Code
8 and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, published by the International
9 Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials: PROVIDED, That any
10 provisions of such code affecting sewers or fuel gas piping are not
11 adopted; and

12 (5) The rules adopted by the council establishing standards for
13 making buildings and facilities accessible to and usable by the
14 physically disabled or elderly persons as provided in RCW 70.92.100
15 through 70.92.160.

16 In case of conflict among the codes enumerated in subsections (1),
17 (2), (3), and (4) of this section, the first named code shall govern
18 over those following.

19 The codes enumerated in this section shall be adopted by the
20 council as provided in RCW 19.27.074. The council shall solicit input
21 from first responders to ensure that fire fighter safety issues are
22 addressed during the code adoption process.

23 The council may issue opinions relating to the codes at the request
24 of a local official charged with the duty to enforce the enumerated
25 codes.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.27.110 and 2003 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 Each county government shall administer and enforce the
29 (~~International~~) Uniform Fire Code in the unincorporated areas of the
30 county: PROVIDED, That any political subdivision or municipal
31 corporation providing fire protection pursuant to RCW 14.08.120 shall,
32 at its sole option, be responsible for administration and enforcement
33 of the (~~International~~) Uniform Fire Code on its facility. Any fire
34 protection district or political subdivision may, pursuant to chapter
35 39.34 RCW, the interlocal cooperation act, assume all or a portion of
36 the administering responsibility and coordinate and cooperate with the

1 county government in the enforcement of the (~~International~~) Uniform
2 Fire Code.

3 It is not the intent of RCW 19.27.110 and 19.27.111 to preclude or
4 limit the authority of any city, town, county, fire protection
5 district, state agency, or political subdivision from engaging in those
6 fire prevention activities with which they are charged.

7 It is not the intent of the legislature by adopting the state
8 building code or RCW 19.27.110 and 19.27.111 to grant counties any more
9 power to suppress or extinguish fires than counties currently possess
10 under the Constitution or other statutes.

11 Each county is authorized to impose fees sufficient to pay the cost
12 of inspections, administration, and enforcement pursuant to RCW
13 19.27.110 and 19.27.111.

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