
SENATE BILL 6156

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By Senator Fairley

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving enforcement of the state building
2 code; amending RCW 19.27.050 and 19.27.140; creating a new section; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that among the
6 laudable purposes and objectives for adopting a state building code is
7 the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of homeowners who
8 remodel or add to their homes.

9 The legislature further finds that such purposes are not met unless
10 the state building code is effectively enforced through a comprehensive
11 inspection program, which emphasizes inspections of remodels and
12 additions to owner-occupied, single-family homes.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.27.050 and 1985 c 360 s 9 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) The state building code required by this chapter shall be
16 enforced by the counties and cities. Any county or city not having a
17 building department shall contract with another county, city, or

1 inspection agency approved by the county or city for enforcement of the
2 state building code within its jurisdictional boundaries.

3 (2) A county or city violates this section when the jurisdiction
4 either: (a) Fails to inform a homeowner remodeling or adding to the
5 homeowner's residence that a final inspection is required; or (b) fails
6 to ensure that a final inspection is made of the remodel of or addition
7 to an owner-occupied, single-family residence.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.27.140 and 1989 c 246 s 5 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) Except as provided under subsection (2) of this section, a copy
11 of any permit obtained under the state building code for construction
12 or alteration work of a total cost or fair market value in excess of
13 five hundred dollars((7)) shall be transmitted by the issuing authority
14 to the county assessor of the county where the property on which the
15 construction or alteration work is located. The building permit shall
16 contain the county assessor's parcel number.

17 (2) No copy of a permit subject to subsection (1) of this section
18 relating to the alteration of an owner-occupied, single-family
19 residence may be transmitted to the relevant county assessor unless a
20 final inspection of the alteration has been performed, or has been
21 caused to be performed by the issuing authority.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect January 1, 2007.

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