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Government & Tribal Affairs.

1 AN ACT Relating to trench excavations on public works projects; and
2 amending RCW 39.04.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.04.180 and 1988 c 180 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ~~((On))~~ A contract for any public works project~~((s))~~ in which a
7 trench excavation will exceed a depth of four feet~~((, any contract~~
8 ~~therefor))~~ shall require adequate safety systems ~~((for the trench~~
9 ~~excavation))~~ that meet the requirements of the Washington industrial
10 safety and health act, chapter 49.17 RCW. ~~((This requirement shall be~~
11 ~~included in the cost estimates and bidding forms as a separate item.~~
12 ~~The costs of trench safety systems shall not be considered as~~
13 ~~incidental to any other contract item and any attempt to include the~~
14 ~~trench safety systems as an incidental cost is prohibited.))~~

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