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1 AN ACT Relating to hospital inspections by limiting the uses of
2 the fire protection contractor license fund and directing the
3 department of health to engage in rule making to appropriately fund
4 the cost of hospital inspections from hospital license fees; and
5 amending RCW 18.160.050 and 70.41.100.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.160.050 and 2011 c 331 s 2 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1)(a) All certificate of competency holders that desire to
10 continue in the fire protection sprinkler business shall annually,
11 prior to January 1st, secure from the state director of fire
12 protection a renewal certificate of competency upon payment of the
13 fee as prescribed by the state director of fire protection.
14 Application for renewal shall be upon a form prescribed by the state
15 director of fire protection and the certificate holder shall furnish
16 the information required by the director.

17 (b) Failure of any certificate of competency holder to secure his
18 or her renewal certificate of competency within sixty days after the
19 due date shall constitute sufficient cause for the state director of
20 fire protection to suspend the certificate of competency.

1 (c) The state director of fire protection may, upon the receipt
2 of payment of all delinquent fees including a late charge, restore a
3 certificate of competency that has been suspended for failure to pay
4 the renewal fee.

5 (d) A certificate of competency holder may voluntarily surrender
6 his or her certificate of competency to the state director of fire
7 protection and be relieved of the annual renewal fee. After
8 surrendering the certificate of competency, he or she shall not be
9 known as a certificate of competency holder and shall desist from the
10 practice thereof. Within two years from the time of surrender of the
11 certificate of competency, he or she may again qualify for a
12 certificate of competency, without examination, by the payment of the
13 required fee. If two or more years have elapsed, he or she shall
14 return to the status of a new applicant.

15 (2)(a) All licensed fire protection sprinkler system contractors
16 desiring to continue to be licensed shall annually, prior to January
17 1st, secure from the state director of fire protection a renewal
18 license upon payment of the fee as prescribed by the state director
19 of fire protection. Application for renewal shall be upon a form
20 prescribed by the state director of fire protection and the license
21 holder shall furnish the information required by the director.

22 (b) Failure of any license holder to secure his or her renewal
23 license within sixty days after the due date shall constitute
24 sufficient cause for the state director of fire protection to suspend
25 the license.

26 (c) The state director of fire protection may, upon the receipt
27 of payment of all delinquent fees including a late charge, restore a
28 license that has been suspended for failure to pay the renewal fee.

29 (3) The initial certificate of competency or license fee shall be
30 prorated based upon the portion of the year such certificate of
31 competency or license is in effect, prior to renewal on January 1st.

32 (4) The fire protection contractor license fund is created in the
33 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from license and
34 certificate fees and charges or from the money generated by the rules
35 and regulations promulgated under this chapter shall be deposited
36 into the fund. Expenditures from the fund may be used only for
37 purposes authorized under this chapter and (~~standards for fire~~
38 ~~protection and its enforcement, with respect to all hospitals as~~
39 ~~required by RCW 70.41.080+)) for providing assistance in identifying
40 fire sprinkler system components that have been subject to either a~~

1 recall or voluntary replacement program by a manufacturer of fire
2 sprinkler products, a nationally recognized testing laboratory, or
3 the federal consumer product safety commission; and for use in
4 developing and publishing educational materials related to the
5 effectiveness of residential fire sprinklers. Assistance shall
6 include, but is not limited to, aiding in the identification of
7 recalled components, information sharing strategies aimed at ensuring
8 the consumer is made aware of recalls and voluntary replacement
9 programs, and providing training and assistance to local fire
10 authorities, the fire sprinkler industry, and the public. Only the
11 state director of fire protection or the director's designee may
12 authorize expenditures from the fund. The fund is subject to
13 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
14 required for expenditures.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.41.100 and 1987 c 75 s 8 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) An application for license shall be made to the department
18 upon forms provided by it and shall contain such information as the
19 department reasonably requires which may include affirmative evidence
20 of ability to comply with the standards, rules, and regulations as
21 are lawfully prescribed hereunder. An application for renewal of
22 license shall be made to the department upon forms provided by it and
23 submitted thirty days prior to the date of expiration of the license.
24 Each application for a license or renewal thereof by a hospital as
25 defined by this chapter shall be accompanied by a fee as established
26 by the department under RCW 43.20B.110.

27 (2) The department shall set the fees imposed under subsection
28 (1) of this section to include the costs of inspections for fire
29 protection purposes under RCW 70.41.080.

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