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By Representatives Cole, Fuhrman, Jones, R. King and Winsley; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

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1 AN ACT Relating to contractor registration requirements; and
2 amending RCW 18.27.010 and 18.27.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.27.010 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 153 s 1 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 ((A)) "Contractor" (~~((as used in this chapter is))~~) means any person,
9 firm or corporation who or which, in the pursuit of an independent
10 business undertakes to, or offers to undertake, or submits a bid to,
11 construct, alter, repair, add to, subtract from, improve, move, wreck
12 or demolish, for another, any building, highway, road, railroad,
13 excavation or other structure, project, development, or improvement
14 attached to real estate or to do any part thereof including the
15 installation of carpeting or other floor covering, the erection of

1 scaffolding or other structures or works in connection therewith or who
2 installs or repairs roofing or siding; or, who, to do similar work upon
3 his or her own property, employs members of more than one trade upon a
4 single job or project or under a single building permit except as
5 otherwise provided herein. ((A)) "General contractor" ((is)) means a
6 contractor whose business operations require the use of more than two
7 unrelated building trades or crafts whose work the contractor shall
8 superintend or do in whole or in part; the term "general contractor"
9 ((shall)) does not include an individual who does all work personally
10 without employees or other "specialty contractors" as defined herein.
11 The terms "general contractor" and "builder" are synonymous. ((A))
12 "Specialty contractor" ((is)) means a contractor whose operations as
13 such do not fall within the foregoing definition of "general
14 contractor((s))."

15 "Department" ((as used in this chapter)) means the department of
16 labor and industries.

17 "Director" ((as used in this chapter)) means the director of the
18 department of labor and industries.

19 "Residential contracting" means the performance of contracting on
20 single-family dwellings, duplexes, or apartment buildings that do not
21 exceed three stories.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.27.030 and 1988 c 285 s 1 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 An applicant for registration as a contractor shall submit an
25 application under oath upon a form to be prescribed by the director and
26 which shall include the following information pertaining to the
27 applicant:

28 (1) Employer social security number.

29 (2) Industrial insurance number.

1 (3) Employment security department number.

2 (4) State excise tax registration number.

3 (5) Unified business identifier (UBI) account number may be
4 substituted for the information required by subsections (2), (3), and
5 (4) of this section.

6 (6) Type of contracting activity, whether a general or a specialty
7 contractor and if the latter, the type of specialty.

8 (7) Whether the contractor will engage in residential contracting.

9 (8) The name and address of each partner if the applicant be a firm
10 or partnership, or the name and address of the owner if the applicant
11 be an individual proprietorship, or the name and address of the
12 corporate officers and statutory agent, if any, if the applicant be a
13 corporation. The information contained in such application shall be a
14 matter of public record and open to public inspection.

15 Registration shall be denied if the applicant has been previously
16 registered as a sole proprietor, partnership or corporation, and was a
17 principal or officer of the corporation, and if the applicant has an
18 unsatisfied final judgment in an action based on RCW 18.27.040 that
19 incurred during a previous registration under this chapter.

20 The department may, by rule, require that persons registering as
21 contractors under this chapter for the first time or after a lapse of
22 two years or more attend an informational seminar on laws and practices
23 applicable to the business of contracting in the state of Washington.
24 Failure to attend such a seminar within six months of the date of
25 registration is grounds for revocation of the person's registration.