
HOUSE BILL 1534

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1 AN ACT Relating to local utility district response to well
2 notification; and amending RCW 18.104.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.104.030 and 1993 c 387 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 It is unlawful:

7 (1) For any person to supervise, construct, alter, or decommission
8 a well without complying with the provisions of this chapter and the
9 rules for well construction adopted pursuant to this chapter;

10 (2) For any person to cause a well to be constructed in violation
11 of the standards for well construction established by this chapter and
12 rules adopted by the department pursuant to this chapter;

13 (3)(a) For a prospective water well owner to have a water well
14 constructed without first obtaining a water right permit, if a permit
15 is required.

16 (b) After the effective date of this section, no new withdrawal
17 from a water well may be commenced by any person whose place of use is
18 within a service area of a water purveyor that has sufficient capacity

1 to provide water under existing water rights, provided such water
2 service is available on a timely and reasonable basis and the water
3 purveyor is willing to provide such service;

4 (4) For any person to construct, alter, or decommission a well
5 unless the fees required by RCW 18.104.055 have been paid;

6 (5) For a person to tamper with or remove a well identification tag
7 except during well alteration; and

8 (6) Except as provided in RCW 18.104.180, for any person to
9 contract to engage in the construction of a well or to act as a well
10 operator without first obtaining a license pursuant to this chapter.

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