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By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Horn, Chandler and Sheldon)

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1 AN ACT Relating to wood burning devices; and amending RCW 70.94.473
2 and 70.94.477.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.473 and 1991 c 199 s 504 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Any person in a residence or commercial establishment which has
7 an adequate source of heat without burning wood shall:

8 (a) Not burn wood in any solid fuel burning device whenever the
9 department has determined under RCW 70.94.715 that any air pollution
10 episode exists in that area;

11 (b) Not burn wood in any solid fuel burning device except those
12 which are either Oregon department of environmental quality phase II or
13 United States environmental protection agency certified or certified by
14 the department under RCW 70.94.457(1) or a pellet stove either
15 certified or issued an exemption by the United States environmental
16 protection agency in accordance with Title 40, Part 60 of the code of
17 federal regulations, in the geographical area and for the period of
18 time that a first stage of impaired air quality has been determined, by
19 the department or any authority, for that area. A first stage of

1 impaired air quality is reached when particulates ten microns and
2 smaller in diameter are at an ambient level of seventy-five micrograms
3 per cubic meter measured on a twenty-four hour average or when carbon
4 monoxide is at an ambient level of eight parts of contaminant per
5 million parts of air by volume measured on an eight-hour average; and

6 (c) Not burn wood in any solid fuel burning device in a
7 geographical area and for the period of time that a second stage of
8 impaired air quality has been determined by the department or any
9 authority, for that area. A second stage of impaired air quality is
10 reached when particulates ten microns and smaller in diameter are at an
11 ambient level of one hundred five micrograms per cubic meter measured
12 on a twenty-four hour average.

13 ~~(2) ((If a local air authority exercises the limitation on solid
14 fuel burning devices specified under RCW 70.94.477(2), a single stage
15 of impaired air quality applies in the geographical area defined by the
16 authority in accordance with RCW 70.94.477(2) and is reached when
17 particulates ten microns and smaller in diameter are at an ambient
18 level of ninety micrograms per cubic meter measured on a twenty four
19 hour average or when carbon monoxide is at an ambient level of eight
20 parts of contaminant per million parts of air by volume measured on an
21 eight hour average.~~

22 ~~If this single stage of impaired air quality is reached, no person
23 in a residence or commercial establishment that has an adequate source
24 of heat without burning wood shall burn wood in any solid fuel burning
25 device, including those which meet the standards set forth in RCW
26 70.94.457.~~

27 ~~(3))~~ Actions of the department and local air pollution control
28 authorities under this section shall preempt actions of other state
29 agencies and local governments for the purposes of controlling air
30 pollution from solid fuel burning devices, except where authorized by
31 ~~((this act))~~ chapter 199, Laws of 1991.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.94.477 and 1990 c 128 s 3 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (1) Unless allowed by rule, under chapter 34.05 RCW, a person shall
35 not cause or allow any of the following materials to be burned in any
36 residential solid fuel burning device:

37 (a) Garbage;

38 (b) Treated wood;

- 1 (c) Plastics;
- 2 (d) Rubber products;
- 3 (e) Animals;
- 4 (f) Asphaltic products;
- 5 (g) Waste petroleum products;
- 6 (h) Paints; or
- 7 (i) Any substance, other than properly seasoned fuel wood, which
- 8 normally emits dense smoke or obnoxious odors.

9 (2) ~~((On or after July 1, 1995,))~~ For the sole purpose of a
10 contingency measure to meet the requirements of section 172(c)(9) of
11 the federal clean air act, a local authority or the department may
12 ~~((geographically limit))~~ prohibit the use of solid fuel burning
13 devices, except fireplaces as defined in RCW 70.94.453(3), wood stoves
14 meeting the standards set forth in RCW 70.94.457 or pellet stoves
15 either certified or issued an exemption ((certificate)) by the United
16 States environmental protection agency in accordance with Title 40,
17 Part 60 of the code of federal regulations, if the United States
18 environmental protection agency, in consultation with the department
19 and the local authority makes written findings that:

20 (a) The area has failed to make reasonable further progress or
21 attain or maintain a national ambient air quality standard; and

22 (b) Emissions from solid fuel burning devices from a particular
23 geographic area are a contributing factor to such failure to make
24 reasonable further progress or attain or maintain a national ambient
25 air quality standard.

26 A prohibition issued by a local authority or the department under
27 this subsection shall not apply to a person in a residence or
28 commercial establishment that does not have an adequate source of heat
29 without burning wood. ((An authority shall allow an exemption from
30 this subsection for low income persons who reside in a geographical
31 area affected by this subsection. In the exercise of this limitation,
32 a local authority shall consider the following factors:

33 ~~(a) The contribution of solid fuel burning devices that do not meet~~
34 ~~the standards set forth in RCW 70.94.457 to nonattainment of national~~
35 ~~ambient air quality standards;~~

36 ~~(b) The population density of geographical areas within the local~~
37 ~~authority's jurisdiction giving greater consideration to urbanized~~
38 ~~areas; and~~

1 ~~(c) The public health effects of use of solid fuel burning devices~~
2 ~~which do not meet the standards set forth in RCW 70.94.457.))~~

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