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1            AN ACT Relating to plumbers installing fire sprinkler systems; and  
2 amending RCW 18.160.020.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.160.020 and 1990 c 177 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) A municipality or county may not enact an order, ordinance,  
7 rule, or regulation requiring a fire protection sprinkler system  
8 contractor to obtain a fire sprinkler contractor license from the  
9 municipality or county. However, a municipality or county may require  
10 a fire protection sprinkler system contractor to obtain a permit and  
11 pay a fee for the installation of a fire protection sprinkler system  
12 and require the installation of such systems to conform with the  
13 building code or other construction requirements of the municipality or  
14 county, but may not impose financial responsibility requirements other  
15 than proof of a valid license.

16            (2) This chapter does not apply to:

17            (a) United States, state, and local government employees, building  
18 officials, fire marshals, fire inspectors, or insurance inspectors when  
19 acting in their official capacities;

1 (b) A person or organization acting under court order;

2 (c) A person or organization that sells or supplies products or  
3 materials to a licensed fire protection sprinkler system contractor;

4 (d) A registered professional engineer acting solely in a  
5 professional capacity;

6 (e) An employee of a licensed fire protection sprinkler system  
7 contractor performing duties for the registered fire protection  
8 sprinkler system contractor; (~~and~~)

9 (f) An owner/occupier of a single-family residence performing his  
10 or her own installation in that residence; and

11 (g) A plumber certified under chapter 18.106 RCW performing  
12 installation in a building less than three stories in height that is  
13 either a single-family residence or containing fifteen or less units.

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