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Telecommunications & Utilities.

1 AN ACT Relating to exempting electrical switchgear and control
2 apparatus from chapter 70.79 RCW; and amending RCW 70.79.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.79.080 and 1994 c 64 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 This chapter shall not apply to the following boilers, unfired
7 pressure vessels and domestic hot water tanks:

8 (1) Boilers and unfired pressure vessels under federal regulation
9 or operated by any railroad subject to the provisions of the interstate
10 commerce act;

11 (2) Unfired pressure vessels meeting the requirements of the
12 interstate commerce commission for shipment of liquids or gases under
13 pressure;

14 (3) Air tanks located on vehicles operating under the rules of
15 other state authorities and used for carrying passengers, or freight;

16 (4) Air tanks installed on the right of way of railroads and used
17 directly in the operation of trains;

18 (5) Unfired pressure vessels having a volume of five cubic feet or
19 less when not located in places of public assembly;

1 (6) Unfired pressure vessels designed for a pressure not exceeding
2 fifteen pounds per square inch gauge when not located in place of
3 public assembly;

4 (7) Tanks used in connection with heating water for domestic and/or
5 residential purposes;

6 (8) Boilers and unfired pressure vessels in cities having
7 ordinances which are enforced and which have requirements equal to or
8 higher than those provided for under this chapter, covering the
9 installation, operation, maintenance and inspection of boilers and
10 unfired pressure vessels;

11 (9) Tanks containing water with no air cushion and no direct source
12 of energy that operate at ambient temperature;

13 (10) Electric boilers:

14 (a) Having a tank volume of not more than one and one-half cubic
15 feet;

16 (b) Having a maximum allowable working pressure of eighty pounds
17 per square inch or less, with a pressure relief system to prevent
18 excess pressure; and

19 (c) If constructed after June 10, 1994, constructed to American
20 society of mechanical engineers code, or approved or otherwise
21 certified by a nationally recognized or recognized foreign testing
22 laboratory or construction code, including but not limited to
23 Underwriters Laboratories, Edison Testing Laboratory, or Istituto
24 Superiore Per La Prevenzione E La Sicurezza Del Lavoro;

25 (11) Electrical switchgear and control apparatus located in
26 restricted access areas under the control of an electric utility.

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