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HOUSE BILL 2978

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By Representatives Clements, Boldt and Cairnes

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to the state advisory board of plumbers; amending  
2 RCW 19.27.031; and adding a new section to chapter 18.106 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.106 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, there is in  
7 effect in all counties and cities the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform  
8 Plumbing Code Standards, published by the International Association of  
9 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials. However, chapters 11 and 12 of that  
10 code are not adopted.

11            (2) The advisory board for plumbers shall:

12            (a) Adopt and maintain the code and standards referenced in  
13 subsection (1) of this section. In maintaining these codes, the  
14 advisory board shall regularly review updated versions of the code and  
15 standards and other pertinent information and amend the codes as deemed  
16 appropriate by the advisory board;

17            (b) Approve or deny all county or city amendments to any code or  
18 standards referred to in subsection (1) of this section to the degree

1 the amendments apply to single-family or multifamily residential  
2 buildings; and

3 (c) Propose a budget for the operation of the advisory board to be  
4 submitted to the office of financial management under RCW 43.88.090.

5 (3) The advisory board may:

6 (a) Appoint technical advisory committees that may include members  
7 of the advisory board;

8 (b) Employ permanent and temporary staff and contract for services;  
9 and

10 (c) Conduct research into matters relating to any code or codes  
11 referred to in subsection (1) of this section or any related matter.

12 (4) All meetings of the advisory board are open to the public under  
13 the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW. All actions of the  
14 advisory board that adopt or amend any code of state-wide applicability  
15 must be done according to the administrative procedure act, chapter  
16 34.05 RCW.

17 (5) All advisory board decisions relating to the codes set out in  
18 subsection (1) of this section shall require approval by at least a  
19 majority of the members of the advisory board.

20 (6) All decisions to adopt or amend codes of state-wide application  
21 shall be made prior to December 1st of any year and do not take effect  
22 before the end of the regular legislative session in the next year.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.27.031 and 1995 c 343 s 1 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, there shall be in  
26 effect in all counties and cities the state building code which shall  
27 consist of the following codes which are hereby adopted by reference:

28 (1) Uniform Building Code and Uniform Building Code Standards,  
29 published by the International Conference of Building Officials;

30 (2) Uniform Mechanical Code, including Chapter 13, Fuel Gas Piping,  
31 Appendix B, published by the International Conference of Building  
32 Officials;

33 (3) The Uniform Fire Code and Uniform Fire Code Standards,  
34 published by the International Fire Code Institute: PROVIDED, That,  
35 notwithstanding any wording in this code, participants in religious  
36 ceremonies shall not be precluded from carrying hand-held candles; and

37 (4) ~~((Except as provided in RCW 19.27.170, the Uniform Plumbing~~  
38 ~~Code and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, published by the~~

1 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials:  
2 PROVIDED, That chapters 11 and 12 of such code are not adopted; and  
3 (~~5~~)) The rules and regulations adopted by the council establishing  
4 standards for making buildings and facilities accessible to and usable  
5 by the physically handicapped or elderly persons as provided in RCW  
6 70.92.100 through 70.92.160.

7 In case of conflict among the codes enumerated in subsections (1),  
8 (2), and (3)((~~7~~ and (~~4~~)) of this section, the first named code shall  
9 govern over those following.

10 The codes enumerated in this section shall be adopted by the  
11 council as provided in RCW 19.27.074.

12 The council may issue opinions relating to the codes at the request  
13 of a local official charged with the duty to enforce the enumerated  
14 codes.

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