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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1767**

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**By** House Committee on Economic Development, Housing & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Romero, Cairnes, Campbell, Miloscia and Sullivan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to building codes; amending RCW 19.27.031 and  
2 19.27.085; and adding a new section to chapter 18.106 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.031 and 1995 c 343 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

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

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

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

18 (4) ~~((Except as provided in RCW 19.27.170, the Uniform Plumbing~~  
19 ~~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 and the plumbing code adopted in accordance  
10 with section 2 of this act.

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

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

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.106 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, there is in  
19 effect in all counties and cities the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform  
20 Plumbing Code Standards, published by the International Association of  
21 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials. However, any provisions of such  
22 code affecting sewers, and fuel gas and venting are not adopted.

23 (2) The advisory board for plumbers shall:

24 (a) Adopt and maintain the code and standards referenced in  
25 subsection (1) of this section. In maintaining these codes, the  
26 advisory board shall regularly review updated versions of the code and  
27 standards and other pertinent information and amend the codes as deemed  
28 appropriate by the advisory board;

29 (b) Approve or deny all county or city amendments to any code or  
30 standards referred to in subsection (1) of this section to the degree  
31 the amendments apply to single-family or multifamily residential  
32 buildings; and

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

35 (3) The advisory board may:

36 (a) Appoint technical advisory committees that may include members  
37 of the advisory board;

1 (b) Employ permanent and temporary staff and contract for services;  
2 and

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

5 (4) All meetings of the advisory board are open to the public under  
6 the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW. All actions of the  
7 advisory board that adopt or amend any code of state-wide applicability  
8 must be done according to the administrative procedure act, chapter  
9 34.05 RCW.

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

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

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.27.085 and 1989 c 256 s 1 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 (1) There is hereby created the building code council account in  
19 the state treasury. Moneys deposited into the account shall be used by  
20 the building code council, after appropriation, to perform the purposes  
21 of the council.

22 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, all  
23 moneys collected under subsection (3) of this section shall be  
24 deposited into the building code council account. Every four years the  
25 state treasurer shall report to the legislature on the balances in the  
26 account so that the legislature may adjust the charges imposed under  
27 subsection (3) of this section.

28 (3) There is imposed a fee of four dollars and fifty cents on each  
29 building permit issued by a county or a city, plus an additional  
30 surcharge of two dollars for each residential unit, but not including  
31 the first unit, on each building containing more than one residential  
32 unit. Quarterly each county and city shall remit moneys collected  
33 under this section to the state treasury; however, no remittance is  
34 required until a minimum of fifty dollars has accumulated pursuant to  
35 this subsection.

36 (4)(a) Subject to the conditions of (b) of this subsection, the  
37 state treasurer shall transfer on a quarterly basis up to twenty  
38 percent of all moneys collected under subsection (3) of this section to

1 the plumbing certificate fund established in RCW 18.106.130. All  
2 moneys transferred into the plumbing certificate fund shall be used by  
3 the state advisory board of plumbers, after appropriation, for the  
4 purposes of section 2 of this act.

5 (b) On a biennial basis, the department of community, trade, and  
6 economic development and the department of labor and industries shall  
7 enter into an interagency agreement regarding the amount to be  
8 transferred into the plumbing certificate fund from moneys collected  
9 under subsection (3) of this section. The moneys deposited into the  
10 plumbing certificate fund shall be based on the amount necessary for  
11 the state advisory board of plumbers to implement section 2 of this  
12 act.

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