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on Local Government.

1 AN ACT Relating to the international wildland urban interface
2 code; and amending RCW 19.27.031.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.031 and 2015 c 11 s 2 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)(a) The International Building Code, published by the
10 International Code Council, Inc.;

11 (b) The International Residential Code, published by the
12 International Code Council, Inc.;

13 (2) The International Mechanical Code, published by the
14 International Code Council, Inc., except that the standards for
15 liquefied petroleum gas installations shall be NFPA 58 (Storage and
16 Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases) and ANSI Z223.1/NFPA 54
17 (National Fuel Gas Code);

18 (3) The International Fire Code, published by the International
19 Code Council, Inc., including those standards of the National Fire
20 Protection Association specifically referenced in the International
21 Fire Code: PROVIDED, That, notwithstanding any wording in this code,

1 participants in religious ceremonies shall not be precluded from
2 carrying hand-held candles;

3 (4) The International Wildland Urban Interface Code, published by
4 the International Code Council, Inc.;

5 (5) Except as provided in RCW 19.27.170, the Uniform Plumbing
6 Code and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, published by the
7 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials:
8 PROVIDED, That any provisions of such code affecting sewers or fuel
9 gas piping are not adopted;

10 ((+5)) (6) The rules adopted by the council establishing
11 standards for making buildings and facilities accessible to and
12 usable by individuals with disabilities or elderly persons as
13 provided in RCW 70.92.100 through 70.92.160; and

14 ((+6)) (7) The state's climate zones for building purposes are
15 designated in RCW 19.27A.020(3) and may not be changed through the
16 adoption of a model code or rule.

17 In case of conflict among the codes enumerated in subsections
18 (1), (2), (3), ((and)) (4), and (5) of this section, the first named
19 code shall govern over those following.

20 The codes enumerated in this section shall be adopted by the
21 council as provided in RCW 19.27.074. The council shall solicit input
22 from first responders to ensure that firefighter safety issues are
23 addressed during the code adoption process.

24 The council may issue opinions relating to the codes at the
25 request of a local official charged with the duty to enforce the
26 enumerated codes.

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