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1 AN ACT Relating to changing the effective date of workforce
2 requirements related to high hazard facilities; amending RCW
3 49.80.050 and 49.80.900; creating a new section; and providing an
4 expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In 2019, the legislature enacted
7 legislation establishing workforce requirements in high hazard
8 facilities. Since passage of the law, the Washington state
9 apprenticeship and training council has received nineteen
10 applications for new apprenticeship programs. The law requires
11 prioritized consideration for new apprenticeship programs for workers
12 in high hazard facilities and requires the Washington state
13 apprenticeship and training council to issue a decision within six
14 months of a completed application for a new state registered
15 apprenticeship program for workers in high hazard facilities. By July
16 2020, the Washington state apprenticeship and training council will
17 need to issue decisions on those completed applications that have
18 already been submitted to meet the requirements of the law. Given the
19 volume of new applications, all applications except two were assigned
20 to the office of administrative hearings. The office of
21 administrative hearings is currently scheduling hearings twenty

1 months away. Delaying implementation of the law until January 1,
2 2024, would ensure that completed applications receive a hearing and
3 a decision from the Washington state apprenticeship and training
4 council before the new apprenticeship programs go into effect. If the
5 implementation date is not delayed, it will be impossible for those
6 applications to receive a decision from the Washington state
7 apprenticeship and training council by the compliance date of January
8 1, 2021, when approved apprenticeship programs are required to be in
9 place.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 49.80.050 and 2019 c 306 s 5 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The department in consultation with the Washington state
13 apprenticeship and training council shall prioritize consideration of
14 new apprenticeship programs for workers in high hazard facilities.
15 The Washington state apprenticeship and training council shall issue
16 a decision within six months of the acceptance of a completed
17 application for consideration of a new state registered
18 apprenticeship program for workers in high hazard facilities.

19 (2) This section expires December 31, (~~2023~~) 2025.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 49.80.900 and 2019 c 306 s 8 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 This act takes effect January 1, (~~2020~~) 2022.

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