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1 AN ACT Relating to building codes; amending RCW 19.27.180; and
2 reenacting and amending RCW 19.28.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.180 and 1989 c 313 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Residential buildings or structures moved into or within a
7 county or city are not required to comply with all of the requirements
8 of the codes enumerated in chapters 19.27 and 19.27A RCW, as amended
9 and maintained by the state building code council and chapter 19.28
10 RCW, if the original occupancy classification of the building or
11 structure is not changed as a result of the move.

12 (2) This section shall not apply to residential structures or
13 buildings that are substantially remodeled or rehabilitated, nor to any
14 work performed on a new or existing foundation.

1 (3) For the purposes of determining whether a moved building or
2 structure has been substantially remodeled or rebuilt, any cost
3 relating to preparation, construction, or renovation of the foundation
4 shall not be considered.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.28.010 and 1986 c 263 s 1 and 1986 c 156 s 2 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) All wires and equipment, and installations thereof, that convey
8 electric current and installations of equipment to be operated by
9 electric current, in, on, or about buildings or structures, except for
10 telephone, telegraph, radio, and television wires and equipment, and
11 television antenna installations, signal strength amplifiers, and
12 coaxial installations pertaining thereto shall be in strict conformity
13 with this chapter, the statutes of the state of Washington, and the
14 rules issued by the department, and shall be in conformity with
15 approved methods of construction for safety to life and property. All
16 wires and equipment that fall within section 90.2(b)(5) of the National
17 Electrical Code, 1981 edition, are exempt from the requirements of this
18 chapter. The regulations and articles in the National Electrical Code,
19 as approved by the American Standards Association, and in the national
20 electrical safety code, as approved by the American Standards
21 Association, and other installation and safety regulations approved by
22 the American Standards Association, as modified or supplemented by
23 rules issued by the department in furtherance of safety to life and
24 property under authority hereby granted, shall be prima facie evidence
25 of the approved methods of construction. All materials, devices,
26 appliances, and equipment used in such installations shall be of a type
27 that conforms to applicable standards or be indicated as acceptable by
28 the established standards of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. or

1 other electrical product testing laboratories which are accredited by
2 the department.

3 (2) Residential buildings or structures moved into or within a
4 county, city, or town are not required to comply with all of the
5 requirements of this chapter, if the original occupancy classification
6 of the building or structure is not changed as a result of the move.
7 This subsection shall not apply to residential buildings or structures
8 that are substantially remodeled or rehabilitated.

9 (3) This chapter shall not limit the authority or power of any city
10 or town to enact and enforce under authority given by law, any
11 ordinance, rule, or regulation requiring an equal, higher, or better
12 standard of construction and an equal, higher, or better standard of
13 materials, devices, appliances, and equipment than that required by
14 this chapter(~~(: PROVIDED, That such)~~). A city or town shall require
15 that its electrical inspectors meet the qualifications provided for
16 state electrical inspectors in accordance with RCW 19.28.070. In a
17 city or town having an equal, higher, or better standard the
18 installations, materials, devices, appliances, and equipment shall be
19 in accordance with the ordinance, rule, or regulation of the city or
20 town. Electrical equipment associated with spas, hot tubs, swimming
21 pools, and hydromassage bathtubs shall not be offered for sale or
22 exchange unless the electrical equipment is certified as being in
23 compliance with the applicable product safety standard by bearing the
24 certification mark of an approved electrical products testing
25 laboratory.

26 (~~(+3)~~) (4) Nothing in this chapter may be construed as permitting
27 the connection of any conductor of any electric circuit with a pipe
28 that is connected with or designed to be connected with a waterworks
29 piping system, without the consent of the person or persons legally
30 responsible for the operation and maintenance of the waterworks piping

1 system.