

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1821

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Passed by the House March 18, 1991
Yeas 98 Nays 0

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 12, 1991
Yeas 40 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1821** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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Secretary of State
State of Washington

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By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Meyers, Ferguson, Schmidt, Zellinsky, Sheldon, Winsley, D. Sommers, Bowman, Paris, Miller, Riley, R. Johnson, Brough, Silver, Roland, Cooper, Horn, Chandler and Moyer).

Read first time March 6, 1991.

1 AN ACT Relating to the fraudulent installation of fire protection
2 sprinkler systems; adding a new section to chapter 9.45 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.45 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any person who willfully or maliciously constructs, installs,
8 or maintains a fire protection sprinkler system in any structure
9 knowing it to be inoperable or who willfully and knowingly impairs the
10 effective operation of a fire protection sprinkler system, so as to
11 threaten the safety of any occupant or user of the structure in the
12 event of a fire, shall be guilty of a class C felony.

13 (2) Any person who constructs, installs, or maintains a fire
14 protection sprinkler system in any occupancy, except an owner-occupied
15 single-family dwelling, without first obtaining a fire sprinkler

1 contractor's license from the state of Washington, shall be guilty of
2 a gross misdemeanor.

3 (3) For the purpose of this section, "fire protection sprinkler
4 system" means an assembly of underground and/or overhead piping or
5 conduit beginning at the connection to the primary water supply,
6 whether public or private, that conveys water with or without other
7 agents to dispersal openings or devices to extinguish, control, or
8 contain fire and to provide protection from exposure to fire or other
9 products of combustion.

10 (4) For the purpose of this section, "install" means the initial
11 placement of sprinkler systems equipment or the extension,
12 modification, or alteration of equipment after the initial placement.
13 Install or installation shall include the work from a street or main
14 water access throughout the entire building.