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1 AN ACT Relating to adoption of the state building code while
2 providing a requirement that each code adopted by the state building
3 code council to make up the state building code be published by either
4 the international association of plumbing and mechanical officials or
5 another nationally recognized code organization; and amending RCW
6 19.27.031 and 19.27.074.

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

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

10 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, there shall be in
11 effect in all counties and cities the state building code, which shall
12 consist of the following codes (~~which are hereby adopted by~~
13 ~~reference~~):

14 (1) Uniform Building Code and Uniform Building Code Standards,
15 published by the International Conference of Building Officials, or a
16 building code published by a nationally recognized code organization;

17 (2) Uniform Mechanical Code, including Chapter 13, fuel gas piping,
18 (~~Appendix B-7~~) published by the International Conference of Building

1 Officials, or a mechanical code and fuel gas code published by a
2 nationally recognized code organization;

3 (3) The Uniform Fire Code and Uniform Fire Code Standards,
4 published by the International Fire Code Institute, or a fire code
5 published by a nationally recognized code organization: PROVIDED,
6 That, notwithstanding any wording in this code, participants in
7 religious ceremonies shall not be precluded from carrying hand-held
8 candles;

9 (4) Except as provided in RCW 19.27.170, the Uniform Plumbing Code
10 and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, published by the International
11 Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, or a plumbing code
12 published by a nationally recognized code organization: PROVIDED, That
13 chapters (~~(11 and 12)~~) of such code affecting building sewers or fuel
14 gas piping are not adopted; and

15 (5) The rules and regulations adopted by the council establishing
16 standards for making buildings and facilities accessible to and usable
17 by the physically handicapped or elderly persons as provided in RCW
18 70.92.100 through 70.92.160.

19 In case of conflict among the codes enumerated in subsections (1),
20 (2), (3), and (4) of this section, the first named code shall govern
21 over those following.

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

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

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.27.074 and 1989 c 266 s 3 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) The state building code council shall:

30 (a) Adopt and maintain the codes to which reference is made in RCW
31 19.27.031, and appropriate standards, in a status which is consistent
32 with the state's interest as set forth in RCW 19.27.020. In
33 maintaining these codes, the council shall regularly review updated
34 versions of (~~the codes referred to in RCW 19.27.031~~) nationally
35 recognized code publications and other pertinent information and shall
36 amend the codes as deemed appropriate by the council;

1 (b) Approve or deny all county or city amendments to any code
2 referred to in RCW 19.27.031 to the degree the amendments apply to
3 single family or multifamily residential buildings;

4 (c) As required by the legislature, develop and adopt any codes
5 relating to buildings; and

6 (d) Propose a budget for the operation of the state building code
7 council to be submitted to the office of financial management pursuant
8 to RCW 43.88.090.

9 (2) The state building code council may:

10 (a) Appoint technical advisory committees which may include members
11 of the council;

12 (b) Employ permanent and temporary staff and contract for services;
13 and

14 (c) Conduct research into matters relating to any code or codes
15 referred to in RCW 19.27.031 or any related matter.

16 All meetings of the state building code council shall be open to
17 the public under the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW. All
18 actions of the state building code council which adopt or amend any
19 code of state-wide applicability shall be pursuant to the
20 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

21 All council decisions relating to the codes enumerated in RCW
22 19.27.031 shall require approval by at least a majority of the members
23 of the council.

24 All decisions to adopt or amend codes of state-wide application
25 shall be made prior to December 1 of any year and shall not take effect
26 before the end of the regular legislative session in the next year.

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