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1 AN ACT Relating to building codes; amending RCW 19.27.031; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 18.106 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.031 and 1995 c 343 s 1 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) Uniform Building Code and Uniform Building Code Standards,
10 published by the International Conference of Building Officials;

11 (2) Uniform Mechanical Code, including Chapter 13, Fuel Gas Piping,
12 Appendix B, published by the International Conference of Building
13 Officials;

14 (3) The Uniform Fire Code and Uniform Fire Code Standards,
15 published by the International Fire Code Institute: PROVIDED, That,
16 notwithstanding any wording in this code, participants in religious
17 ceremonies shall not be precluded from carrying hand-held candles;

18 (4) ~~((Except as provided in RCW 19.27.170, the Uniform Plumbing
19 Code and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, published by the~~

1 ~~International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials:~~
2 ~~PROVIDED, That chapters 11 and 12 of such code are not adopted; and~~
3 ~~(5))~~) The rules and regulations adopted by the council establishing
4 standards for making buildings and facilities accessible to and usable
5 by the physically handicapped or elderly persons as provided in RCW
6 70.92.100 through 70.92.160.

7 In case of conflict among the codes enumerated in subsections (1),
8 (2), and (3)((~~and~~(~~4~~)) of this section, the first named code shall
9 govern over those following and the plumbing code adopted in accordance
10 with section 2 of this act.

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

13 The council may issue opinions relating to the codes at the request
14 of a local official charged with the duty to enforce the enumerated
15 codes.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.106 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, there is in
19 effect in all counties and cities the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform
20 Plumbing Code Standards, published by the International Association of
21 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials. However, any provisions of such
22 code affecting sewers, and fuel gas and venting are not adopted.

23 (2) The advisory board for plumbers shall:

24 (a) Adopt and maintain the code and standards referenced in
25 subsection (1) of this section. In maintaining these codes, the
26 advisory board shall regularly review updated versions of the code and
27 standards and other pertinent information and amend the codes as deemed
28 appropriate by the advisory board;

29 (b) Approve or deny all county or city amendments to any code or
30 standards referred to in subsection (1) of this section to the degree
31 the amendments apply to single-family or multifamily residential
32 buildings; and

33 (c) Propose a budget for the operation of the advisory board to be
34 submitted to the office of financial management under RCW 43.88.090.

35 (3) The advisory board may:

36 (a) Appoint technical advisory committees that may include members
37 of the advisory board;

1 (b) Employ permanent and temporary staff and contract for services;
2 and

3 (c) Conduct research into matters relating to any code or codes
4 referred to in subsection (1) of this section or any related matter.

5 (4) All meetings of the advisory board are open to the public under
6 the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW. All actions of the
7 advisory board that adopt or amend any code of state-wide applicability
8 must be done according to the administrative procedure act, chapter
9 34.05 RCW.

10 (5) All advisory board decisions relating to the codes set out in
11 subsection (1) of this section shall require approval by at least a
12 majority of the members of the advisory board.

13 (6) All decisions to adopt or amend codes of state-wide application
14 shall be made prior to December 1st of any year and do not take effect
15 before the end of the regular legislative session in the next year.

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