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HOUSE BILL 2845

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By Representative Sump

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting local government liability to  
2 intentional failures to verify registered contractor status; and  
3 amending RCW 18.27.110.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.27.110 and 1997 c 314 s 11 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) No city, town or county shall issue a construction building  
8 permit for work which is to be done by any contractor required to be  
9 registered under this chapter without verification that such contractor  
10 is currently registered as required by law. When such verification is  
11 made, nothing contained in this section is intended to be, nor shall be  
12 construed to create, or form the basis for any liability under this  
13 chapter on the part of any city, town or county, or its officers,  
14 employees or agents. However, a knowing and willful failure to verify  
15 the contractor registration number results in liability to the city,  
16 town, or county ((~~to~~)) for a penalty to be imposed according to RCW  
17 18.27.100(7)(a).

18 (2) At the time of issuing the building permit, all cities, towns,  
19 or counties are responsible for:

1           (a) Printing the contractor registration number on the building  
2 permit; and

3           (b) Providing a written notice to the building permit applicant  
4 informing them of contractor registration laws and the potential risk  
5 and monetary liability to the homeowner for using an unregistered  
6 contractor.

7           (3) If a building permit is obtained by an applicant or contractor  
8 who falsifies information to obtain an exemption provided under RCW  
9 18.27.090, the building permit shall be forfeited.

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