

HB 1811-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires that the automatic sprinkler systems be installed by December 1, 2009.

Provides that, if a lessee of the real property has paid for all expenses associated with the installation and purchase of the automatic sprinkler system, then the benefit of the exemption must inure to the lessee.

Provides that an exemption may be granted under this act only to the property owner or lessee that pays for all expenses associated with the installation and purchase of the automatic sprinkler system. In no event may both the property owner and the lessee receive an exemption under this act in the same calendar year for the installation and purchase of the same automatic sprinkler system.

Provides that, after December 31, 2009, no new application for a special tax exemption under this act may be:

- (1) Made by a property owner or lessee; or
- (2) Accepted by the county assessor.

VETO MESSAGE ON 2SHB 1811

May 11, 2007

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 4, Second Substitute House Bill 1811 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in nightclubs."

This bill helps to promote fire safety at nightclubs, while giving nightclub owners the necessary time to install automatic fire sprinkler systems. The bill contains an unnecessary emergency clause. With the emergency clause, the bill would go into effect on July 1, without it, early August. Regardless of the effective date of the bill, my signing it into law tells nightclub owners that the two year implementation delay will be in effect. Emergency clauses should be used sparingly and only when necessary.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 4 of Second Substitute House Bill 1811.

With the exception of Section 4, Second Substitute House Bill 1811 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor