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By Senators McCoy and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting the uses of the fire protection  
2 contractor license fund; and amending RCW 18.160.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.160.050 and 2011 c 331 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1)(a) All certificate of competency holders that desire to  
7 continue in the fire protection sprinkler business shall annually,  
8 prior to January 1st, secure from the state director of fire  
9 protection a renewal certificate of competency upon payment of the  
10 fee as prescribed by the state director of fire protection.  
11 Application for renewal shall be upon a form prescribed by the state  
12 director of fire protection and the certificate holder shall furnish  
13 the information required by the director.

14 (b) Failure of any certificate of competency holder to secure his  
15 or her renewal certificate of competency within sixty days after the  
16 due date shall constitute sufficient cause for the state director of  
17 fire protection to suspend the certificate of competency.

18 (c) The state director of fire protection may, upon the receipt  
19 of payment of all delinquent fees including a late charge, restore a  
20 certificate of competency that has been suspended for failure to pay  
21 the renewal fee.

1 (d) A certificate of competency holder may voluntarily surrender  
2 his or her certificate of competency to the state director of fire  
3 protection and be relieved of the annual renewal fee. After  
4 surrendering the certificate of competency, he or she shall not be  
5 known as a certificate of competency holder and shall desist from the  
6 practice thereof. Within two years from the time of surrender of the  
7 certificate of competency, he or she may again qualify for a  
8 certificate of competency, without examination, by the payment of the  
9 required fee. If two or more years have elapsed, he or she shall  
10 return to the status of a new applicant.

11 (2)(a) All licensed fire protection sprinkler system contractors  
12 desiring to continue to be licensed shall annually, prior to January  
13 1st, secure from the state director of fire protection a renewal  
14 license upon payment of the fee as prescribed by the state director  
15 of fire protection. Application for renewal shall be upon a form  
16 prescribed by the state director of fire protection and the license  
17 holder shall furnish the information required by the director.

18 (b) Failure of any license holder to secure his or her renewal  
19 license within sixty days after the due date shall constitute  
20 sufficient cause for the state director of fire protection to suspend  
21 the license.

22 (c) The state director of fire protection may, upon the receipt  
23 of payment of all delinquent fees including a late charge, restore a  
24 license that has been suspended for failure to pay the renewal fee.

25 (3) The initial certificate of competency or license fee shall be  
26 prorated based upon the portion of the year such certificate of  
27 competency or license is in effect, prior to renewal on January 1st.

28 (4) The fire protection contractor license fund is created in the  
29 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from license and  
30 certificate fees and charges or from the money generated by the rules  
31 and regulations promulgated under this chapter shall be deposited  
32 into the fund. Expenditures from the fund may be used only for  
33 purposes authorized under this chapter and (~~standards for fire~~  
34 ~~protection and its enforcement, with respect to all hospitals as~~  
35 ~~required by RCW 70.41.080+)) for providing assistance in identifying  
36 fire sprinkler system components that have been subject to either a  
37 recall or voluntary replacement program by a manufacturer of fire  
38 sprinkler products, a nationally recognized testing laboratory, or  
39 the federal consumer product safety commission; and for use in  
40 developing and publishing educational materials related to the~~

1 effectiveness of residential fire sprinklers. Assistance shall  
2 include, but is not limited to, aiding in the identification of  
3 recalled components, information sharing strategies aimed at ensuring  
4 the consumer is made aware of recalls and voluntary replacement  
5 programs, and providing training and assistance to local fire  
6 authorities, the fire sprinkler industry, and the public. Only the  
7 state director of fire protection or the director's designee may  
8 authorize expenditures from the fund. The fund is subject to  
9 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
10 required for expenditures.

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