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1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging economic recovery by reducing
2 regulatory burdens during declared public health crises; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.06 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 90.48
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 90.58 RCW; adding a new section
5 to chapter 70A.15 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.55 RCW;
6 adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; adding a new section to
7 chapter 58.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding
8 a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and adding a new section to
9 chapter 36.01 RCW.

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

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
14 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

15 (a) "COVID-19" means a respiratory disease caused by the severe
16 acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

17 (b) "COVID-19 pandemic emergency" means the state of emergency
18 relating to the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 declared in the
19 governor's proclamation 20-05 on February 29, 2020, and any renewals
20 thereof.

1 (c) "COVID-19 restrictive orders" means the following orders of
2 the governor related to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, and any
3 renewals thereof: 20-15, 20-20, 20-23, 20-28, 20-30, 20-31, 20-32,
4 20-36, 20-41, 20-43, 20-44, 20-45, 20-48, 20-49, 20-51, 20-52, 20-56,
5 20-59, 20-64, 20-65, 20-66, 20-69, and 20-74.

6 (2) Until 12 months after the cessation or withdrawal of any
7 COVID-19 restrictive order and the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, the
8 following authorizations are temporarily not required of any
9 residential construction, commercial construction, industrial
10 construction, industrial facility operations, or activities
11 undertaken by a public port:

- 12 (a) A permit issued under chapter 90.48 RCW;
- 13 (b) A permit issued under chapter 70A.15 RCW;
- 14 (c) A permit issued under chapter 77.55 RCW; and
- 15 (d) Any project permit as defined in RCW 36.70B.020.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.48
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 A permit under this chapter is not required for the activities
19 described in section 1 of this act.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 90.58
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 A permit under this chapter is not required for the activities
23 described in section 1 of this act.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.15
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 A permit under this chapter is not required for the activities
27 described in section 1 of this act.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 77.55
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 A permit under this chapter is not required for the activities
31 described in section 1 of this act.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A
33 RCW to read as follows:

1 An authorization or permit under critical areas ordinances
2 established consistent with this chapter are not required for the
3 activities described in section 1 of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 58.17
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 A permit or approval is not required to be obtained from a city,
7 town, or county for the activities described in section 1 of this
8 act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 A building permit is not required to be obtained from a city for
12 the activities described in section 1 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 A building permit is not required to be obtained from a code city
16 for the activities described in section 1 of this act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 A building permit is not required to be obtained from a county
20 for the activities described in section 1 of this act.

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