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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Zahn, Duerr, Ramel, Peterson, Parshley, Lekanoff, Reed, Thomas, Gregerson, Ormsby, Hill, and Bernbaum)

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1 AN ACT Relating to scissor stair regulations in the state
2 building code; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The state building code council shall convene a technical
8 advisory group for the purpose of recommending amendments to the
9 international building code that would allow scissor stairs serving
10 occupancies containing sleeping units of more than two dwelling units
11 in which the occupants are primarily permanent in nature. The
12 recommendations must include considerations for public health,
13 safety, and welfare, as well as construction costs.

14 (2) The advisory group shall provide its recommendations to the
15 council in time for the council to adopt or amend rules and codes as
16 necessary for implementation in the 2027 code update to the state
17 building code.

18 (3) For the purpose of this section, "scissor stairs" means two
19 interlocking stairways with two separate exits, that are separately
20 enclosed and divided by fire-resistance rated assemblies.

1 (4) This section expires January 1, 2031.

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