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**HOUSE BILL 2228**

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**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 first substantive code update to  
17 the state building code, as provided for in RCW 19.27.031 and  
18 19.27.032, occurring after January 1, 2027.

19 (3) For the purpose of this section, "scissor stairs" means two  
20 interlocking stairways with two separate exits, enclosed and  
21 separated by fire-resistance rated walls.

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

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