

CHAPTER 96

[Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 2634]

STATE BUILDING CODE ACT

AN ACT Relating to buildings; adding a new section to chapter 219, Laws of 1971 [ex. sess.] and to chapter 70.92A RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. This chapter shall be known as the State Building Code Act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The purpose of this chapter is to provide building codes throughout the state. This chapter is designed to effectuate the following purposes, objectives and standards:

(1) To promote the health, safety and welfare of the occupants or users of buildings and structures and the general public.

(2) To require minimum performance standards and requirements for construction and construction materials, consistent with accepted standards of engineering, fire and life safety.

(3) To require standards and requirements in terms of performance and nationally accepted standards.

(4) To permit the use of modern technical methods, devices and improvements.

(5) To eliminate restrictive, obsolete, conflicting, duplicating and unnecessary regulations and requirements which could unnecessarily increase construction costs or retard the use of new materials and methods of installation or provide unwarranted preferential treatment to types or classes of materials or products or methods of construction.

(6) To provide for standards and specifications for making buildings and facilities accessible to and usable by physically handicapped persons.

(7) To consolidate within each authorized enforcement jurisdiction, the administration and enforcement of building codes.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. On and after January 1, 1975, there shall be in effect in all cities, towns and counties of the state a state building code which shall consist of the following codes which are hereby adopted by reference:

(1) Uniform Building Code and Related Standards, 1973 edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials;

(2) Uniform Mechanical Code, 1973 edition, including Chapter 22, Fuel Gas Piping, Appendix B, published by the International

Conference of Building Officials and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials;

(3) The Uniform Fire Code with appendices thereto, 1973 edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials and the Western Fire Chiefs Association;

(4) The Uniform Plumbing Code, 1973 edition, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials: PROVIDED, That chapter 11 of such code is not adopted: PROVIDED [FURTHER], That notwithstanding any wording in this code, nothing in this code shall apply to the installation of any gas piping, water heaters, or vents for water heaters; and (5) The American National Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible To, and Usable By, The Physically Handicapped, published by American National Standards Institute, Inc., Document ANSI A117.1-1961 (reaffirmed 1971). This paragraph shall supplement chapter 35, Laws of 1967 and chapter 70.92 RCW with respect to public buildings.

In case of conflict among the codes enumerated in subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this section, the first named code shall govern over those following.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. On and after January 1, 1975, the governing body of each city, town or county is authorized to amend the state building code as it applies within its jurisdiction in all such respects as shall be not less than the minimum performance standards and objectives enumerated in section 2 of this 1974 act, including, the authority to adopt any subsequent revisions to the codes in section 3 subsections (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this 1974 act.

Nothing in this section shall authorize any modifications of the requirements of chapter 35, Laws of 1967, or chapter 70.92 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The state building code provided for in this chapter shall be administered and enforced by the respective governmental authorities. Any governmental subdivision not having a local building department may contract with another governmental subdivision or inspection agency approved by the local governmental body for administration and enforcement of the state building code within its jurisdictional boundaries in accordance with chapter 39.34 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. (1) Except as permitted or provided otherwise under the provisions of section 4 of this 1974 act and subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the state building code supersedes all county, city or town building regulations containing less than the minimum performance standards and objectives contained in the state building code.

(2) Except as permitted or provided otherwise under the provisions of section 4 of this 1974 act and subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the state building code shall be applicable to all buildings and structures including those owned by the state or by any other governmental subdivision.

(3) The governing body of each city, town or county may limit the application of any rule or regulation or portion of the state building code to include or exclude specified classes or types of buildings or structures, according to use, occupancy, or such other distinctions as may make differentiation or separate classification or regulation necessary, proper, or desirable.

(4) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any building four or more stories high with an F occupancy as defined by the uniform building code, chapter 5, 1973 edition, and with a fire insurance classification rating of 1, 2, or 3 as defined by a recognized fire rating bureau or organization.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. There is hereby established a state building code advisory council to be appointed by the governor.

(1) The state building code advisory council shall consist of the director of the department of labor and industries, or his designee, and the insurance commissioner, or his designee, and thirteen additional members who shall be broadly representative of the general public, local government, and of the industries and professions concerned with building design and construction. The council may include state officials as ex officio, nonvoting members. The board shall report annually to the governor and the legislature on the operation and administration of this chapter.

(2) Members shall receive per diem for each day or major portion thereof spent in performance of their duties plus reimbursement for actual travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the same manner as provided for in chapter 43.03 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Nothing in this 1974 act shall affect the provisions of chapters 19.28, 43.22, 70.77, 70.79 or 70.87 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Local land use and zoning requirements, building setbacks, side and rear-yard requirements, site development, property line requirements, subdivision requirements, and local fire zones are specifically reserved to local jurisdictions notwithstanding any other provision of this 1974 act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. There is added to Title 19 RCW a new chapter to read as set forth in sections 1 through 9 of this 1974 act.

NEW SECTION, Sec. 11. There is added to chapter 219, Laws of 1971 [ex. sess.] and to chapter 70.92A RCW a new section to read as follows;

All buildings built in accordance with the standards and specifications set forth in this chapter, or containing facilities that are in compliance therewith, shall display the following symbol, which is white on a blue background



indicating the location of such facilities designed for the handicapped. When a building contains an entrance other than the main entrance which is ramped or level for use by handicapped persons, a sign showing its location shall be posted at or near the main entrance which shall be visible from the adjacent public sidewalk or way.

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CHAPTER 97  
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CHIROPRACTIC

AN ACT Relating to chiropractic; amending section 2, chapter 53, Laws of 1959 and RCW 18.25.017; amending section 5, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 as amended by section 3, chapter 53, Laws of 1959 and RCW 18.25.020; amending section 6, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 as amended by section 4, chapter 53, Laws of 1959 and RCW 18.25.030; amending section 10, chapter 5, Laws of 1919 as last amended by section 5, chapter 266, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 18.25.070; amending section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.26.030; amending section 4, chapter 171, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.26.040; amending section 7, chapter 171, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.26.070; adding new sections to chapter 18.25 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 18.26 RCW.

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