

provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Sec. 9. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1967. Effective date.

Passed the Senate February 10, 1967.

Passed the House March 6, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 152.

[Senate Bill No. 324.]

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT—STANDARDIZATION.

AN ACT relating to fire fighting equipment; providing for the standardization of fire hose couplings, fittings, and other fire fighting equipment; and providing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Washington:

Section 1. All equipment for fire protection purposes, other than for forest fire fighting, purchased by state and municipal authorities, or any other authorities having charge of public property, shall be equipped with the standard threads designated as the national standard thread as adopted by the American Insurance Association and defined in its pamphlet No. 194, dated 1963: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to steamer connections on fire hydrants.

Fire fighting equipment standardization. Standard threads.

Sec. 2. The standardization of existing fire protection equipment in this state shall be arranged for and carried out by or under the direction of the state fire marshal. He shall provide the appliances necessary for carrying on this work, shall proceed with such standardization as rapidly as possible, and shall require the completion of such work within a period of five years from the effective date of this

Administration by state fire marshal.

Standardization of fire fighting equipment.

act: *Provided*, That the state fire marshal may exempt special purpose fire equipment and existing fire protection equipment from standardization when it is established that such equipment is not essential to the coordination of public fire protection operations.

Conversion of equipment of industrial establishments and property.

Sec. 3. The state fire marshal shall notify industrial establishments and property owners having equipment, which may be necessary for fire department use in protecting the property or putting out fire, of any changes necessary to bring their equipment up to the requirements of the standard established by section 2 of this act, and shall render such assistance as may be available for converting substandard equipment to meet standard specifications and requirements.

Sale of non-standard equipment prohibited—Penalty—Exception.

Sec. 4. Any person who, without approval of the state fire marshal, sells or offers for sale in Washington any fire hose, fire engine or other equipment for fire protection purposes which is fitted or equipped with other than the standard thread is guilty of a misdemeanor: *Provided*, That fire equipment for special purposes, research, programs, forest fire fighting, or special features of fire protection equipment found appropriate for uniformity within a particular protection area may be specifically exempted from this requirement by order of the state fire marshal.

Severability.

Sec. 5. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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