

## CHAPTER 301.

## HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGES.

S. F. 622.

AN ACT to amend the law relating to the protection of game as the same appears in section twenty-five hundred sixty-three-u (2563-u), supplement to the code, 1913, as re-enacted by senate file number four hundred forty-seven (447) of the acts of the thirty-sixth general assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. **Trapping, etc., prohibited.** That the law as it ap-  
 2 pears in section twenty-five hundred sixty-three-u (2563-u), supple-  
 3 ment to the code, 1913, as re-enacted by senate file number four hun-  
 4 dred forty-seven (447) of the acts of the thirty-sixth general assembly  
 5 be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
 6 "pheasants" in line two of said section the words "Hungarian par-  
 7 tridge or other imported game birds" and also by striking from line  
 8 three (3) of said section the word "fifteen" and inserting in lieu  
 9 thereof the word "seventeen".

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## CHAPTER 302.

## BUILDING CODE.

S. F. 576.

AN ACT to repeal sections four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a six (4999-a6), four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a seven (4999-a7), four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a eight (4999-a8), four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a nine (4999-a9), four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a ten (4999-a10), and four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a eleven (4999-a11) of the supplement to the code, 1913, and enacting a substitute therefor and amending sections two thousand five hundred fourteen-i (2514-i), and repealing sections two thousand five hundred fourteen-n (2514-n) and two thousand five hundred fourteen-o (2514-o) of the supplement to the code, 1913, and enacting substitutes therefor and all relating to fire escapes, stairways and means of escape from buildings, structures or enclosures and protection against fire and providing for the inspection of such means of protection of buildings, and the duties of commissioner of labor and other officers in relation thereto.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. **Protection against fire—means of escape.** That sec-  
 2 tion four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a6 (4999-a6) of the sup-  
 3 plement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the  
 4 following enacted in lieu thereof:  
 5 All buildings, structures or enclosures of three or more stories and  
 6 such other buildings of a less number of stories as are included by law  
 7 and which buildings are not equipped with fire escapes or which build-  
 8 ings may hereafter be erected or the fire escapes of which are re-

9 newed or in need of renewal, shall be equipped with such protection  
 10 against fire and means of escape as is by law provided. The word  
 11 "building" used in the law relating to fire escapes and protection  
 12 against fire and means of escape from buildings shall be held to  
 13 include all of the structures or enclosures embraced in this section or  
 14 referred to more specifically in the law relating to fire escapes, pro-  
 15 tection against fire and means of escape from buildings. When a base-  
 16 ment is five (5) feet or over above ground it shall be counted as a  
 17 story.

1 SEC. 2. Fire escapes—number—location. That section four thou-  
 2 sand nine hundred ninety-nine-a seven (4999-a7) of the supplement  
 3 to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the follow-  
 4 ing enacted in lieu thereof:

5 Every building, structure or enclosure of three or more stories and  
 6 every school house of two stories and not provided with two (2) in-  
 7 side stairways located approximately at each end of the hallway in  
 8 the second story and every structure having a stage, and every theatre  
 9 or opera house of more than one story, or having balconies or gal-  
 10 leries, shall have the number of fire escapes of the kind prescribed  
 11 by law, which minimum number shall be based upon the following  
 12 formula:

13 Number of fire escapes— $C \times P^*$

14 P equals the average maximum number of persons on any story above  
 15 the first story having the largest number; such number to be fixed  
 16 and determined according to the purpose for which the building is used.

17 C is a coefficient and is fixed and shall be taken for the various  
 18 classes of buildings as follows:

19 Buildings having wooden or combustible walls, C equals .020.

20 Buildings having brick or noncombustible walls with combustible  
 21 interior, C equals .014;

22 Buildings having brick or noncombustible walls and noncombustible  
 23 roof and slow burning construction, C equals .012;

24 Buildings of fire proof construction throughout, C equals .007;

25 Buildings of wooden or combustible walls equipped with efficient  
 26 water sprinkler system, C equals .014;

27 Buildings having brick or noncombustible walls with combustible  
 28 interior equipped with efficient water sprinkler system, C equals .008;

29 Buildings having brick or noncombustible walls and noncombustible  
 30 roof and slow burning construction equipped with efficient water  
 31 sprinkler system, C equals .006.

32 Fire proof buildings equipped with efficient water sprinkler system,  
 33 C. equals .003.

34 When the result of the said formula is one (1) or any fraction  
 35 thereof the number of escapes shall be equal to one (1). The number  
 36 of escapes above one (1) shall be a number sufficient to cover the  
 37 number indicated by the formula, including any fraction as unity,  
 38 except when such fraction shall be thirty-three hundredths (.33) or  
 39 less, in which case the fraction may be dropped if permitted by the  
 40 inspector.

41 The first fire escape required by law shall be placed as far as pos-  
 42 sible from the existing inside stairway or exits to the lower floors of

[\*Evidently the equation in this section was intended to appear as: "Number of fire escapes= $C \times P$ ".]

43 the building, taking into account the hazard and the path or route  
44 of access to the escape from such stairway.

45 The distance from any inside stairway or exit to the lower floor  
46 to the nearest fire escape shall not exceed two hundred (200) feet  
47 by way of the path or route of access to such fire escape from such  
48 stairway or exit.

49 Additional fire escapes to those otherwise provided by law shall be  
50 provided wherever it is necessary to pass within twenty (20) feet of  
51 any stairway or elevator shaft from any portion of the building more  
52 than twenty (20) feet from such stairway or shaft to reach the fire  
53 escape required by the other provisions of law and where there are  
54 peculiar, unusual or extreme hazards additional fire escapes may be  
55 required by those authorized by law to regulate and fix the number  
56 and requirements of fire escapes.

57 Provided also that if by reason of the height of buildings or by  
58 reason of many or all stories above the second story of such buildings  
59 having near the average maximum of persons of any one floor above the  
60 first, such buildings shall be equipped with a sufficient number of fire  
61 escapes to permit the exit of such average maximum number of per-  
62 sons occupying such buildings above the first story, permanently, or  
63 temporarily in the course of business within the following periods of  
64 time:

65 Buildings with wooden or combustible walls, two minutes; build-  
66 ings having brick or noncombustible walls with combustible interior,  
67 three minutes; buildings having brick or noncombustible walls and  
68 noncombustible roof and slow burning interior construction, four  
69 minutes; buildings of fire proof construction throughout, fifteen  
70 minutes; or a less period of time if hazard of mechantable con-  
71 tents of such building may so require; and in estimating the period  
72 of time required the rate of descent on the fire escapes shall not be  
73 taken in excess of one and five tenths ( $1 \frac{5}{10}$ ) feet of vertical dis-  
74 tance, or height per second, when said fire escapes are fully loaded,  
75 which rate of descent shall be estimated to permit the exit of not to  
76 exceed one person per second. Provided that the time of complete  
77 exit as herein provided may be increased where efficient sprinkler  
78 systems are installed, such increase of time to be determined by the  
79 character and efficiency of the sprinkling system installed unless  
80 peculiar or unusual hazards shall exist.

1 SEC. 3. Fire escapes—construction—location, etc. That sec-  
2 tion four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a eight (4999-a8)  
3 of the supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby re-  
4 pealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

5 All fire escapes shall be constructed as described in the following  
6 classifications:

7 Class A; Fire escapes of this class shall consist of those more safe  
8 and efficient than outside ladders and stairways and which shall  
9 have been approved as such by the commissioner of the bureau of  
10 labor statistics, and may include inside stairways and means of escape  
11 in fire proof buildings when approved by said commissioner.

12 Class B; Fire escapes of this class shall consist of a suitable out-  
13 side stairway of not less than twenty-two (22) inches clear width  
14 of steel or wrought iron constructed with platforms and with

15 stationary stairway carried down to within six and one-half  
16 (6½) feet from the ground or with a drop or counterbalanced  
17 stairway from the second story platform or balcony to the  
18 ground.

19 Class C; Fire escapes of this class shall consist of at least one  
20 ladder not less than eighteen (18) inches in width of steel or wrought  
21 iron construction of sufficient size and strength for safety attached  
22 to the outside walls of the building and provided with platforms of  
23 steel or wrought iron enclosed by suitable railings and of such dimen-  
24 sions and in such proximity to the windows of each story above the  
25 first so as to render access to the ladder from each story easy and  
26 safe, the said ladder to extend to within six and one-half (6½) feet  
27 from the ground or be provided with a drop ladder hung at the second  
28 story in such a manner that it can be easily lowered for use. All fire  
29 escapes reaching the top floor shall have suitable extensions reach-  
30 ing from the upper platform to safe landing on the roof of building.

31 All of the above classes of fire escapes shall be of suitable material,  
32 construction, arrangement and location to make the same safe and  
33 efficient and no fire escape of a higher class shall be less safe and effi-  
34 cient than of a lower class and the provisions of each lower class with  
35 respect to platforms, access to windows and openings and sufficiency  
36 of strength shall apply to the upper class except where allowed to be  
37 modified by those having authority.

38 All fire escapes of any of the foregoing classes shall have such  
39 necessary windows or openings leading to the platforms or balconies  
40 of the same as shall be necessary to make the same safe and effi-  
41 cient and all routes or paths of access to said fire escapes shall be  
42 safe and sufficient, with all doors of rooms leading to fire escapes  
43 one half glass and equipped with mortise latches or equivalent that  
44 the same may be easily and quickly opened by breaking the glass and  
45 turning the latches from the inside of the doors, all so as to render  
46 access to the fire escape from each floor above the first easy and safe.  
47 All windows or doors leading to the platforms of fire escapes shall  
48 not be fastened against exit.

49 The attachment of all fire escapes shall be made in a thorough and  
50 substantial manner and sufficient to carry the full load that may be  
51 placed on said fire escapes when the same are crowded, with a factor  
52 of safety of not less than four (4).

53 Suitable signs indicating the location of fire escapes shall be posted  
54 at all entrances to elevators, stairways, landings and in all rooms. In  
55 all buildings which are used for lodging or sleeping purposes and in  
56 opera houses, theatres and public assembly halls red lights shall be  
57 maintained at night or when the buildings are darkened to indicate  
58 the place or opening through which access to the fire escape is obtained.

1 SEC. 4. Class of escapes—forbidden classes—stairways. That  
2 section four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine-a nine (4999-a9) of  
3 the supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed  
4 and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

5 Hotels, lodging houses, tenements, apartment buildings, schools,  
6 retail or department stores, seminaries, and college buildings, office  
7 buildings, hospitals, asylums, opera houses, theatres, assembly halls  
8 and factories required to be equipped by law shall be equipped with  
9 escapes of class "A" or class "B". All other buildings and structures

10 required to be equipped with fire escapes shall be equipped with some  
11 one or more of said classes of fire escapes.

12 Class "C" shall not be used on any building over three stories in  
13 height in which more than five persons are at any one time allowed  
14 upon any one of the floors above said third story nor where any of  
15 the persons allowed upon any floor above the third story are females  
16 or minors; provided, however, the commissioner of the bureau of labor  
17 statistics may under peculiar conditions and where the hazards are  
18 not great permit fire escapes of class "C" to be used on buildings of  
19 more than three stories but when ladder fire escapes are permitted  
20 on buildings more than three stories in height the ladders thereof  
21 must offset at the platforms and not be continuous from one story  
22 to the next.

23 Where stairways not less than forty-four (44) inches in clear width  
24 are provided they shall be taken as the equivalent of two or more  
25 single stairways in proportion to their width, provided the means of  
26 escape and efficiency and safety of said escapes are not thereby  
27 diminished.

1 **SEC. 5. Doors to open outward, etc.** The entrance and exit doors  
2 of all hotels, churches, lodge halls court houses, assembly halls,  
3 theatres, opera houses, colleges and public school houses and other  
4 structures where the hazard is deemed sufficient by the inspector and  
5 the entrance doors to all class and assembly rooms in all public school  
6 buildings shall open outward and shall not be fastened against exit  
7 or so the same cannot be easily opened from within.

1 **SEC. 6. Building inspector—duties, etc.** That section four thou-  
2 sand nine hundred ninety-nine-a ten (4999-a10) of the supplement  
3 to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the follow-  
4 ing enacted in lieu thereof:

5 It shall be the duty of the building inspector in cities having such  
6 officer and if there be no such officer, then the chief of the fire de-  
7 partment, and if there be no chief of a paid fire department, the  
8 mayor of each city or town or if the building is not within the corpo-  
9 rate limits of any city or town, then the chairman of the board of  
10 supervisors shall inspect and they shall be the inspectors of all fire  
11 escapes within their respective jurisdictions, except such buildings as  
12 hotels and factories as are required otherwise to be inspected by law,  
13 and they shall as often as necessary and whenever complaint is made  
14 carefully inspect and examine such fire escapes and such inspection  
15 shall include all paths or routes of access between any interior exit  
16 to a lower floor and said fire escapes and shall include the openings  
17 and means of access to the said fire escapes and shall include signs,  
18 lights, exits and means of escape of all buildings required to be  
19 equipped with fire escapes and required to have certain exits and  
20 means of escape and upon the complaint or request of any person  
21 that any fire escape, exit or means of escape from fire or any rule or  
22 regulation relative thereto or relative to protection against fire is  
23 being violated, such inspector shall examine into the complaint or re-  
24 quest and determine what, if any, requirements should be made in  
25 relation thereto, and shall have power to make all reasonable require-  
26 ments and regulations in conformity with law and to determine all  
27 matters with respect to fire escapes, protection from fire and means

28 of escape from buildings. Said inspectors, however, shall be subject  
29 to and their duties shall not conflict with the duties of inspection of  
30 the commissioner of the bureau of labor statistics, the engineer of the  
31 state board of health and their assistants or deputies.

32 The commissioner of the bureau of labor statistics shall have general  
33 charge and supervision of the inspection and regulation of fire  
34 escapes and means of escape and of the enforcement of the law relating  
35 thereto and for this purpose the inspectors named herein shall  
36 be subject to his direction and to the rules and regulations adopted  
37 by such commissioner. The said commissioner shall adopt standard  
38 uniform specifications for the various classes of fire escapes provided  
39 by law and shall keep such specifications on file in his office and shall  
40 furnish copies of such specifications to all persons made by law inspectors  
41 of fire escapes and means of escape from fire and such persons shall  
42 keep the same on file in their respective offices.

43 It shall be the duty of any inspector required by law to inspect fire  
44 escapes or means of escape from fire to serve or cause to be served a  
45 written notice in behalf of the state of Iowa upon the owner if he be  
46 a resident of the county in which the buildings are situated, or if he  
47 be a non-resident of such county, then upon his agent or lessee, that  
48 the buildings within this state are not provided with fire escapes in  
49 accordance with the provisions of this act, or that the fire escapes or  
50 means of escape from fire are defective, unsafe or dangerous, notifying  
51 such owner of such want of fire escapes, condition of the building,  
52 defective, dangerous or unsafe means of escape from fire or any  
53 matter relating thereto and notifying him to comply with the law  
54 and requirements of the inspector or commissioner within sixty (60)  
55 days after the service of such notice, provided the time of such notice  
56 may be extended by the commissioner of the bureau of labor statistics  
57 if necessary.

58 The owner, by himself, his agent or lessee, may appeal from the  
59 action or requirement of any inspector at any time within the said  
60 sixty (60) days after the service of such notice by a written communication  
61 addressed to said commissioner, setting forth such objections as may be  
62 taken to the complaint, requirement or regulation of such inspector and  
63 it shall be the duty of the commissioner to pass upon and determine all  
64 matters of disagreement relating to fire escapes and the means of escape  
65 from fire from buildings and all rules, regulations, findings and orders  
66 of the commissioner shall be reasonable and not unduly burdensome  
67 wherever it is within the discretion of the commissioner.

69 The commissioner of the bureau of labor statistics shall make all  
70 necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this law  
71 and for all buildings wherever constructed and have the same printed  
72 in pamphlet form for distribution and he shall have the power to  
73 approve any and all plans relating to fire escapes of the various  
74 classes, and it shall be his duty to see that the same conform to the  
75 law and to make rulings and orders relative thereto, and where any  
76 dispute or disagreement arises with respect to the plans and specifications  
77 for any fire escapes or means of escape from fire the commissioner shall  
78 have the power and authority to determine and pass upon the same and  
79 make orders relative thereto. Said inspector shall, subject to the final  
80 decision of the commissioner, have power to determine

81 the number of exits from all theatres, opera houses and assembly halls  
82 and those having one or more balconies and the relation of such exits  
83 to the fire escapes, and shall require and enforce the requirement  
84 that all exits shall not be fastened against exit.

1 **SEC. 7. Fire escapes in hotels—ropes.** That section two thou-  
2 sand five hundred fourteen-i (2514-i) of the supplement to the code,  
3 1913, be amended by striking out all of the same down to and includ-  
4 ing the figures 1907 first appearing in said section and substituting  
5 therefor the following:

6 Every hotel shall be provided and equipped with fire escapes and  
7 means of exit and escape from fire as is otherwise than in this chapter  
8 provided by law and all such law shall be additional to the provisions  
9 of this chapter.

1 **SEC. 8. Inside court—runways—construction.** That section two  
2 thousand five hundred fourteen-n (2514-n) of the supplement to the  
3 code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following en-  
4 acted in lieu thereof:

5 Every hotel except those which are of fire proof construction that  
6 are constructed with an inside court or light well and with sleeping  
7 rooms or sleeping apartments, the only outside openings of which open  
8 upon or into such court or light well, unless the same extends to the  
9 ground floor with suitable means of exit, shall have such court or light  
10 well supplied with a suitable runway, platform or balcony upon the  
11 roof or covering at the bottom thereof connecting with some easy  
12 and efficient means of egress to accessible fire escapes, and when the  
13 fire hazard is such that said roof or covering at the bottom of such  
14 court or light well is in danger of being destroyed by fire such run-  
15 way, platform or balcony shall be attached to the walls of the court  
16 or light well as may be required by the inspector. Any doors or win-  
17 dows interposed between said runway, platform or balcony and the  
18 fire escapes shall not be fastened against exit.

1 **SEC. 9. Halls—fire escapes, etc.** That section two thousand five  
2 hundred fourteen-o (2514-o) of the supplement to the code, 1913, be  
3 and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu  
4 thereof:

5 Every hotel hereafter constructed, that is three or more stories  
6 high shall be provided with a hall on each floor above the ground  
7 floor extending from one outside wall to another and said halls shall  
8 be equipped at the end with fire escapes as is otherwise provided  
9 by law; provided, however, that in hotels of fire proof construction  
10 the provisions with reference to the hall extending from one outside  
11 wall to another may be modified with the approval of the commis-  
12 sioner of labor statistics, when such buildings are equipped with fire  
13 escapes of class "A".

1 **SEC. 10. Violations—penalty.** That section four thousand nine  
2 hundred ninety-nine-a 11 (4999-a11) of the supplement to the code,  
3 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted  
4 in lieu thereof:

5 Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of law relating  
6 to fire escapes or means of escape from fire or any owner, agent or  
7 trustee having the full care and control of any building and who has

8 been served with notice as provided herein and who shall within sixty  
 9 (60) days of the service of the notice or within the time as extended  
 10 by the commissioner fail and neglect to comply with the requirements  
 11 of law or of the inspector or the commissioner, unless he appeal there-  
 12 from or who shall fail, refuse or neglect to perform any order or re-  
 13 quirement fixed by law or by the labor commissioner, if the same be  
 14 reasonable, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dol-  
 15 lars (\$25) and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and shall  
 16 be subject to a further fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each addi-  
 17 tional week of neglect to comply with such notice, order or require-  
 18 ment.

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### CHAPTER 303.

#### ASSESSMENT LIFE INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS.

S. F. 492.

AN ACT to amend section seventeen hundred ninety-eight-b (1798-b), supplement to the code, 1913, relating to fraternal beneficiary societies.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Reincorporation as legal reserve company—stock company.** That section seventeen hundred ninety-eight-b, (1798-b), supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended, by adding after the word "association", and before the word "may", in line one (1) of said section, the words "or fraternal beneficiary society", and by adding after the word "company" and before the word "reincorporated", in line fourteen (14) of said section, the words "or fraternal beneficiary society", and by adding after the word "certificates" and before the word "as", in line sixteen (16) of said section, the words "or benefit certificates."

Approved April 19, A. D. 1915.

### CHAPTER 304.

#### SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS FOR STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

S. F. 242.

AN ACT making special appropriations for the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state college of agriculture and mechanic arts, the Iowa state teachers college, and the college for the blind.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **State university.** There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated,