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House File 272
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Vote: Ayes 63 Nays 31 Vote: Ayes 43 Nays 2
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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the number of stories in height of multiple dwellings and the construction of stair halls in such dwellings over two stories.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section four hundred thirteen point thirty-
2 nine (413.39), Code 1966, is amended by striking from line
3 three (3) the word "two" and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 word "three (3)".

1 Sec. 2. Section four hundred thirteen point forty
2 (413.40), Code 1966, is amended by striking from line three
3 (3) the word "two" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
4 "three (3)".

1 Sec. 3. Section four hundred thirteen point forty-six
2 (413.46), Code 1966, is amended by striking from line three
3 (3) the word "two" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
4 "three (3)".

EXPLANATION

This bill permits three stories for wood and brick veneer apartments. Modern practice considers three stories for buildings like this entirely satisfactory and this bill just brings our State Code into what is considered acceptable practice. This change was requested by the building inspector of the city of Sioux City, Iowa.

1 Amend House File 272 as follows:

2 1. Section 1, by striking the period at the end thereof
3 and inserting the following: "; also by adding at the end
4 of said section the following: 'Multiple dwellings two
5 stories in height having more than three thousand (3,000)
6 square feet of floor area above the first floor and three-story
7 multiple dwellings shall be of not less than one-hour fire-
8 resistive construction throughout.'

9 2. Section 2, by striking the period at the end thereof
10 and inserting the following: "; also by adding at the end of
11 said section the following: 'In multiple dwellings two
12 stories in height with more than three thousand (3,000)
13 square feet of floor area above the first floor and in
14 multiple dwellings three stories in height, stair halls shall
15 be of one-hour fire resistive construction.'

16 3. By adding the following new sections:

17 Sec. 4. Section four hundred thirteen point thirty-five
18 (413.35), Code 1966, is hereby repealed and the following
19 is enacted in lieu thereof:

20 "In any county, city or town which has been authorized
21 by law to adopt a building code and which has adopted and
22 is enforcing a nationally recognized standard building code,
23 said county or municipality shall enforce all requirements
24 for fire-resistive construction and exits in such a code in
25 lieu of the requirements of this division consisting of
26 sections 413.35 to 413.46, inclusive of the Code."

27 Sec. 5. Section four hundred thirteen point three (413.3),
28 Code 1966, is amended by striking subsection seventeen (17)
29 thereof and enacting in lieu thereof the following:

30 "Fire-resistive materials. Fire-resistive materials as
31 used in this chapter shall mean brick, stone, concrete,
32 concrete block, tile, any combination thereof, or any
33 assembly of materials equal to but in no case less than
34 one-hour fire-resistive construction as rated by a
35 nationally recognized testing laboratory such as the
36 Underwriters' Laboratories, Incorporated, and as set out
37 in the national fire codes published by the National
38 Fire Protection Association, and approved fire-resistive
39 material."

40 The purpose of H.F. 272 is to permit wood construction
41 of three-story multiple dwelling in accord with modern
42 practice. This bill was checked by building officials of
43 several cities operating under the state housing law and
44 the principle was endorsed except that the bill was incomplete,
45 thus failing its purpose of permitting such three-story
46 structures in the manner of nationally recognized building
47 codes. A phone call with the building inspector of Sioux
48 City resulted in the proposed amendment ideas which have
49 been reviewed by those other building departments affected
50 and deemed acceptable from the fire safety standpoint,
51 which the bill as introduced was not. With the amendment
52 the bill will permit three-story structures using one-hour
53 fire-resistive construction rather than the unnecessarily
54 restrictive fire-resistive construction now required by
55 existing law.

56 One-hour fire-resistive construction is achieved by
57 using 5/8" gypsum board facing of wood frame construction.
58 The present law requires brick, tile or concrete con-
59 struction with only a little wood trim permitted on the
60 three story structures for which this bill was written.

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