

House File 77
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HOUSE FILE 77

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House File 77
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*Revised per 2/10/75 also
Sen. Action Book 3/3*

Passed House, Date 2-26-75 (440) Passed Senate, Date 6-10-75 (1853)

Vote: Ayes 93 Nays 2 Vote: Ayes 46 Nays 1

Revised Approved 7-15-75
Sen. per Senate amendment

6-12-75 (2395)
86-0

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the installation of automatic fire extinguish-
2 ing systems in high-rise buildings, and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Chapter one hundred (100), Code 1975, is amended
2 by adding the following new section:

3 NEW SECTION. All buildings that are approved for
4 construction, after the effective date of this Act, that
5 exceed four stories in height, or sixty-five feet above grade,
6 shall require the installation of an approved automatic fire
7 extinguishing system designed and installed in conformity
8 with rules and regulations promulgated by the state fire
9 marshal pursuant to chapter one hundred (100) of the Code.

10 The requirements of this section shall not apply to the
11 following:

12 1. Any noncombustible elevator storage structure.

13 2. Any combustible elevator storage structure that is
14 equipped with an approved dry-pipe, nonautomatic sprinkler
15 and automatic alarm system.

16 3. Buildings in existence or under construction on the
17 effective date of this Act. However, if subsequent to the
18 effective date of this Act any building is enlarged or altered
19 beyond the height limitations applicable to new buildings,
20 such building in its entirety shall be subject to all the
21 provisions of this Act.

22 Plans and installed systems shall be approved by the state
23 fire marshal, a designee of the state fire marshal, or local
24 authorities having jurisdiction. Except where local fire
25 protection regulations are more stringent, the provisions
26 of this section shall be applicable to all buildings, whether
27 privately or publicly owned. The definition of terms shall
28 be in conformity, insofar as possible, with definitions found
29 in the state building code.

30 Any person violating the provisions of this Act is guilty
31 of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be subject to
32 a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or by imprisonment
33 in the county jail for not more than thirty days, or be subject
34 to both such fine and imprisonment.

35 Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,

1 shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the Lee Town News , a newspaper published
3 in Des Moines , Iowa, and in the Council Bluffs
4 a newspaper published in Council Bluffs , Iowa. Nonpareil,

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill requires the installation of automatic fire
7 extinguishing systems in most buildings exceeding four stories
8 in height or sixty-five feet above grade erected or remodelled
9 after the effective date of this Act. A penalty is provided
10 for noncompliance.

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H-3134

Amend House File 77 as follows:

- 1 1. Page 1, by inserting after the word "struc-
- 2 ture" in line 12 the following: "or any noncombust-
- 3 ible plant building with noncombustible contents."
- 4 2. Page 2, line 3 by striking the words, "the
- 5 Council Bluffs Nonpareil" and inserting in lieu
- 6 thereof the words, "the Sioux City Journal".
- 7 3. Page 2, line 4, by striking the words
- 8 "Council Bluffs" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 9 words, "Sioux City".
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H-3134 FILED - *adopted 2/26*
FEBRUARY 20, 1975

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
MONROE of Des Moines, Chairman

H-3153

- 1 Amend House File 77 Page 1, line 22 by striking
- 2 the word "installed" and inserting in lieu thereof
- 3 the words "installation of".

H-3153 FILED - *adopted 2/26*
FEBRUARY 25, 1975

BY SCHROEDER of Pottawattamie
CONNORS of Polk

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Senate Amendment to House File 77

H-4175

- 1 Amend House File 77 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking line 35.
- 3 2. Page 2, by striking lines 1, 2, 3, and 4.

H-4175 FILED, RECEIVED FROM SENATE
JUNE 11, 1975

House concurred 6/12 (2395)

S-3435

- 1 Amend House File 77, as amended and passed by the
- 2 House, as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the words "sixty-
- 4 five feet above grade" and inserting in lieu thereof
- 5 the words "that have floors for human occupancy
- 6 located more than sixty-five feet above the lowest
- 7 grade surrounding the building".
- 8 2. Page 1, by inserting after line 21 the
- 9 following:
- 10 "4. Buildings that are more than four stories
- 11 but less than sixty-five feet above the lowest grade
- 12 surrounding the building and that are located in
- 13 cities where the fire department has the equipment
- 14 necessary to fight a fire and evacuate occupants
- 15 from such buildings."

S-3435 FILED - *Lost 6/10 (1852)*
APRIL 1, 1975

BY LEONARD C. ANDERSEN

S-3493

- 1 Amend House File 77 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking line 35.
- 3 2. Page 2, by striking lines 1, 2, 3, and 4.

S-3493 FILED - *Adopted 6/10 (1853)* BY JAMES W. GRIFFIN, SR.
APRIL 10, 1975

HOUSE FILE 77

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Chapter one hundred (100), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. All buildings that are approved for construction, after the effective date of this Act, that exceed four stories in height, or sixty-five feet above grade, shall require the installation of an approved automatic fire extinguishing system designed and installed in conformity with rules and regulations promulgated by the state fire marshal pursuant to chapter one hundred (100) of the Code.

The requirements of this section shall not apply to the following:

1. Any noncombustible elevator storage structure or any noncombustible plant building with noncombustible contents.

2. Any combustible elevator storage structure that is equipped with an approved dry-pipe, nonautomatic sprinkler and automatic alarm system.

3. Buildings in existence or under construction on the effective date of this Act. However, if subsequent to the effective date of this Act any building is enlarged or altered beyond the height limitations applicable to new buildings, such building in its entirety shall be subject to all the provisions of this Act.

Plans and installation of systems shall be approved by the state fire marshal, a designee of the state fire marshal, or local authorities having jurisdiction. Except where local fire protection regulations are more stringent, the provisions of this section shall be applicable to all buildings, whether privately or publicly owned. The definition of terms shall

be in conformity, insofar as possible, with definitions found in the state building code.

Any person violating the provisions of this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty days, or be subject to both such fine and imprisonment.

DALE M. COCHRAN
Speaker of the House

ARTHUR A. NEU
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 77, Sixty-sixth General Assembly.

DAVID L. WRAY
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 7/15, 1975

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor