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Senate Bill 169—Smoke/Fire Dampers & Smoke Ctrl Systems

Sectional Analysis

Version A

"An Act relating to the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; and providing for an effective date."

Sec. 1 – AS 18.70.080(b) Page 1, Lines 5-12

Is amended to add subsection (b)(2) which allows the commissioner of public safety to establish regulations, and the Department of Public Safety to charge reasonable fees, for the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems to determine compliance with regulations established in the following section of the bill.

Sec. 2 – AS 18.70.080(c) and (d) Page 1, Lines 13-14 & Page 2, Lines 1-25

Amends AS 18.70.080 to add subsection (c) which states that the Department of Public Safety must adopt regulations regarding the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems that are consistent with the National Fire Protection Association's 2021 and 2022 published standards for fire doors, smoke control systems, and smoke door assemblies.

AS 18.70.080(c)(1-4) specifics that these regulations must apply to mental institutions, penal institutions, group residential facilities, intermediate care facilities, nursing homes,

hospitals, schools, public assembly buildings, state and municipal buildings, and any other buildings in which such systems have been installed.

Further amends AS 18.70.080 to add subsection (d) which specifies that the regulations adopted under subsection (c) must require that the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems be done by a fire and life safety inspection program of the state or a municipality, or by an individual that has a current fire and life safety certification, issued through a program accredited by the American National Standards Institute. Findings of noncompliance resulting from the inspection or testing must be submitted to the owner of the building and the state fire marshal.

Sec. 3 – AS 37.05.146(c)(37) Page 2, Lines 26-30

Is amended to insert that the fees established under section 1 of this bill, AS 18.70.080(b), for fire and life safety plan checks and the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems are accounted for separately, and appropriations from the receipts are not made from the unrestricted general fund.

Sec. 4 Page 2, Line 31

Provides an effective date of January 1, 2023.