

1 IN THE SENATE

BY RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 221

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the promulgation of
7 regulations by the State Fire Marshal;
8 amending Sec. 8, Ch. 66, SLA 1955; and
9 providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 Section 1. Sec. 8, Ch. 66, SLA 1955 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 8. The Fire Marshal, with the advice and approval
13 of the Commissioner of Public Safety [SUPERINTENDENT OF
14 TERRITORIAL POLICE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL] shall prepare
15 and adopt reasonable [RULES AND] regulations establishing
16 minimum standards for the prevention of fire and explosion
17 and for the protection of life and property against fire
18 and panic in any commercial, industrial, business, public,
19 or institutional buildings, or in any activity wherein
20 combustible or explosive materials are stored or handled
21 in commercial quantities [BUILDING OR STRUCTURE USED OR
22 INTENDED FOR USE AS AN ASYLUM, JAIL, MENTAL HOSPITAL,
23 HOSPITAL, SANITARIUM, HOME FOR AGED, CHILDREN'S NURSERY,
24 CHILDREN'S HOME OR INSTITUTION, SCHOOL, OR ANY SIMILAR
25 OCCUPANCY OF ANY CAPACITY, AND IN ANY THEATER, DANCE HALL,
26 SKATING RINK, AUDITORIUM, ROADHOUSE, HOTEL, MOTOR COURT,
27 ASSEMBLY HALL, MEETING HALL, NIGHT CLUB, FAIR BUILDING, OR
28 SIMILAR PLACE OF ASSEMBLAGE OF ANY CAPACITY. RULES AND
29 REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL ESTABLISH

1 MINIMUM STANDARDS RELATING TO THE MEANS OF EGRESS AND THE
2 ADEQUACY OF EXITS FROM THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
3 FIRE EXTINGUISHING AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN, THE STORAGE
4 AND HANDLING OF COMBUSTIBLE OR EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS OR
5 SUBSTANCES, AND THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
6 APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, DECORATIONS, AND FURNISHINGS THAT
7 PRESENT A FIRE, EXPLOSION OR PANIC HAZARD, AND SUCH
8 MINIMUM STANDARDS SHALL BE PREDICATED ON THE HEIGHT AND
9 FIRE RESISTIVE QUALITIES OF THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE
10 AND THE TYPE OF OCCUPANCY FOR WHICH IT IS USED]. The
11 [RULES AND] regulations shall apply to auxiliary or
12 accessory buildings used or intended for use with any
13 commercial, business, public, or institutional building
14 [OF THE OCCUPANCIES MENTIONED IN THIS SECTION]. Violation
15 of any [RULE OR] regulation shall be deemed a violation of
16 this Act. [IN PREPARING AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
17 AFFECTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL ALSO SECURE
18 THE ADVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.]

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day
20 after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law
21 without such approval.
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