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IN THE SENATE

BY RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

SENATE BILL NO. 221

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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