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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 613

H. P. 465 House of Representatives, February 1, 1973
Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Require Safety Glazing in Hazardous Locations.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 25, c. 255, additional. Title 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 255 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 255
SAFETY GLAZING

§ 2051. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings.

1. Hazardous locations. "Hazardous locations" means those installations, glazed or to be glazed in commercial and public buildings, known as framed or unframed glass entrance doors; and those installations, glazed or to be glazed in residential buildings and other structures used as dwellings, commercial buildings and public buildings, known as sliding glass doors, storm doors, shower doors, bathtub enclosures and fixed glazed panels adjacent to entrance and exit doors which because of their location present a barrier in the normal path traveled by persons going into or out of these buildings, and because of their size and design may be mistaken as means of ingress or egress; and any other installation, glazed or to be glazed, wherein the use of other than safety glazing materials would constitute an unreasonable hazard as the Commissioner of Public Safety may determine after notice and hearings, whether or not the glazing in such doors, panels, enclosures and other installations is transparent.

2. Safety glazing material. "Safety glazing material" means any glazing material, such as tempered glass, laminated glass, wire glass or rigid plastic, which meets the test requirements of ANSI Standard Z-97.1-1966 and such further requirements as may be adopted by the Department of Public Safety after notice and hearing and which are so constructed, treated or combined with other materials as to minimize the likelihood of cutting and piercing injuries resulting from human contact with the glazing material.

§ 2052. Labeling required

Each light of safety glazing material manufactured, distributed, imported or sold for use in hazardous locations or installed in such a location within the State of Maine shall be permanently labeled by such means as etching, sandblasting, firing of ceramic material on the safety glazing material or by other suitable means. The label shall identify the labeler, whether manufacturer, fabricator or installer, and the nominal thickness and the type of safety glazing material and the fact that said material meets the test requirements of ANSI Standard Z-97.1-1966 and such further requirements as may be adopted by the Department of Public Safety.

The label must be legible and visible after installation.

Such safety glazing labeling shall not be used on other than safety glazing materials.

§ 2053. Safety glazing materials required

It shall be unlawful within the State of Maine to knowingly sell, fabricate, assemble, glaze, install, consent or cause to be installed glazing materials other than safety glazing materials in, or for use in, any hazardous location.

§ 2054. Employees not covered

No liability under this chapter shall be created as to workmen who are employees of a contractor, subcontractor or other employer responsible for compliance with this chapter.

§ 2055. Penalty

Whoever violates this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both.

§ 2056. Local ordinances

This chapter shall supersede any local, municipal or county ordinance or parts thereof relating to the subject matter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.