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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Berry of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Clarifying Sprinkler System Requirements in Boarding Homes and Existing Places of Assembly.

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

25 MRSA § 2452, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 660, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Automatic sprinkler systems shall not be required in boarding homes having 6 or less boarders or lodgers, and existing noncommercial places of assembly used occasionally. Noncommercial places of assembly shall include those facilities used for such purposes as deliberation, worship, entertainment, amusement or awaiting transportation which have a capacity of 100 to 300 persons.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Since buildings used for certain purposes are only heated during periods of occupancy, it is an unnecessary expense and waste of fuel to maintain heated facilities for the exclusive purpose of meeting sprinkler requirements. Therefore, the intent of this Act is to remove such requirements as to these buildings.