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H. P. 1995

House of Representatives, January 13, 1977

Governor's Bill. Refer to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

**AN ACT Relating to the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in all New and Existing
Hotels.**

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

25 MRSA § 2463, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 85, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2463. Installation of sprinkler systems

All new and existing hotels of any type of construction, other than fire resistive as defined in current edition of National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet #220, Standard Types of Building Construction, having 2 stories or more above grade level, shall be protected by a complete approved automatic sprinkler system. All existing hotels shall have these systems installed by July 1, 1980.

The term "hotel" shall include buildings in which there are more than 15 sleeping accommodations for hire, primarily used by transients who are lodged with or without meals, whether designated as a hotel, inn, club, motel or by any other name. So-called apartment hotels shall be classified as hotels because they are potentially subject to transient occupancy like that of hotels.

Any person or corporation violating this section shall be guilty of a Class E crime.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require all hotels to install sprinkler systems. Prior to this bill, only new hotels constructed after September 23, 1971, were required to install those systems. It is thought that the older hotels, often wooden-frame structures, are particularly in need of the additional protection which an automatic sprinkler system affords.