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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-EIGHT

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AN ACT Relating to the Installation of Smoke and Heat Detection Systems in  
Certain Hotels.

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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 further amended to read:

**§ 2463. Installation of sprinkler systems and smoke and heat detection systems**

All new hotels constructed after September 23, 1971, of any type construction, other than fire resistive as defined in the current edition of National Fire Protection Association # 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 other hotels having 2 stories or more above grade level shall be protected by a complete approved smoke and heat detection system by July 1, 1981.

The term "hotel" shall include buildings or groups of buildings under the same management in which there are more than 15 sleeping rooms 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 ~~punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both~~ guilty of a Class E crime.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this new draft is to require hotels which are not required to install sprinkler systems under the present law to install approved smoke and heat detection systems by July 1, 1981. The State Fire Marshal would use minimum standards promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association to determine what is an approved system.

Before July 1, 1981, smoke and heat detectors would have to be installed in all hotels of 2 or more stories which have at least 15 sleeping rooms but which are not required to install sprinklers. After July 1, 1981, if a hotel not considered a "hotel" under the law builds an addition or alters the existing building so as to bring it within the law's definition of "hotel", smoke and heat detectors would also have to be installed.

The new draft also makes the failure to install sprinklers or smoke and heat detectors a Class E crime.