

1 2 3	(New Draft of H.P. 276, L.D. 346) FIRST REGULAR SESSION
4 5	ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
6 7	Legislative Document No. 1461
8	H.P. 1013 House of Representatives, May 6, 1985
9 10 11	Reported by Representative Paul from the Committee on Legal Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Representative Beaulieu of Portland. Cosponsored by Representative Duffy of Bangor, Senator Gauvreau of Androscoggin and Senator Najarian of Cumberland.
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13 14	STATE OF MAINE
15 16 17	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
18 19 20 21	AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to the Installation of Smoke, Heat or Fire Detection Systems in Certain Hotels.
22 23	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
24 25	25 MRSA §2463, 3rd and 4th ¶¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 665, are amended to read:
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	The State Fire Marshal, or his designee, shall inspect all systems installed pursuant to this sec- tion and shall approve all systems which comply with this section, except that when the hotel is located in a municipality which has a municipal fire depart- ment or incorporated volunteer fire department, that department shall be responsible for the inspection and approval of the system, unless the State Fire Marshal agrees to undertake that responsibility.

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1 The term "hotel" shall includes buildings or groups of buildings under the same management 2 in which there are more than 15 sleeping rooms for hire, 3 4 primarily used by transients who are lodged with or 5 without meals, whether designated as a hotel, inn, 6 club, motel, apartment hotel or by any other name. 7 So-ealled apartment hotels shall be elassified as ho-8 tels because they are potentially subject to transient occupancy like that of hotels-9

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STATEMENT OF FACT

11 This new draft gives the State Fire Marshal's Of-12 fice the option of taking responsibility for inspec-13 tion and approval of smoke, heat or fire detection 14 systems in hotels within the jurisdiction of munici-15 pal fire departments and incorporated volunteer fire 16 departments. At present, many municipalities defer 17 to the expertise and knowledge of the State Fire 18 Marshal's Office with respect to new fire protection 19 systems and often request that the State Fire 20 Marshal's Office make the inspection and approval.

This new draft also modifies the term "hotel" to include those buildings of more than 15 sleeping rooms for hire regardless of whether they are primarily used for transient or permanent occupancy. The effect of this new draft will be to require installation of fire protection systems in all such "hotels."

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