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In Senate, March 28, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta and Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Regarding Sprinkler Systems in New Buildings.



		Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
	2	25 MRSA §2463, as amended by PL 1985, c. 183, is further
	4	amended to read:
	6	§2463. Installation of sprinkler systems and smoke, heat or fire detection systems
	8 ,	All new hotels constructed after September-23,-1971, <u>January</u>
	10	1, 1992 of any type construction, other than fire resistive as defined in the current edition of National Fire Protection
	12	Asseciation-#220,-Standard-Types-of-Building-Construction, having 2 stories or more above grade level, shall must be protected by a
	14	complete approved automatic sprinkler system.
	16	All high-rise buildings constructed after January 1, 1992 of any type construction must be protected by a complete approved
:	18	automatic sprinkler system.
	20	All other hotels having 2 stories or more above grade level shall must be protected by a complete approved smoke, heat or
	22	fire detection system operated by electrical current or powered by batteries by July 1, 1981.
	24	The State Fire Marshal, or his the marshal's designee, shall
	26	inspect all systems installed pursuant to this section and shall approve all systems which comply with this section, except that
	2.8	when the hotel is located in a municipality which has a municipal fire department or incorporated volunteer fire department, that
	30 .	department shallbe is responsible for the inspection and approval of the system, unless the State Fire Marshal agrees to
	32	undertake that responsibility.
	34	The term "hotel" includes buildings or groups of buildings under the same management in which there are more than 15
	36	sleeping rooms for hire, whether designated as a hotel, inn, club, motel, apartment hotel or by any other name.
	38	The term "high-rise building" includes any building used for
	40	any commercial purpose that is 75 feet or more above grade level.
	42	Any person or corporation violating this section shall-be is guilty of a Class E crime.
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	46	STATEMENT OF FACT
	48	This bill requires that as of January 1, 1992 sprinkler systems be installed in all hotels of more than 2 stories or
•	50	other buildings more than 75 feet high.