

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1927.

On motion of Mr. Davitt of Millinocket, tabled pending reference to a committee, and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Davitt of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT for the Protection of Life from the Peril of Fire in
Public Buildings Used for Purposes of Education, Mercy,
Correction and Theatres.

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

Section 1. Every building two stories or more in height
2 and exceeding two thousand five hundred square feet in
3 area of non-fire-resistant construction, now used or here-
4 after to be used in whole or in part as a theatre, a public
5 or private school, academy, or college, including dormi-
6 tories, asylums, hospitals or other institutions housing chil-
7 dren, sick, aged, infirm, imbecile or insane persons; houses
8 of correction or detention, jails, prisons or other penal in-

stitutions, shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

Sect. 2. Where a building, as designated in section one, is of fire-resistant construction, it shall be equipped with an approved automatic sprinkler system in the basement and in such portions as are used for workshops or storage of combustible materials, or wherever the normal hazard of occupancy is exceeded.

Sect. 3. As defined under this act, an approved automatic sprinkler system is one in which the automatic sprinklers and accessory devices or appliances are those approved by the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., or by the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., Chicago, Ill., or by the Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Laboratories, Boston, Mass., and the construction of said system in conformity with the regulations governing the installation of automatic sprinkler equipments as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association.

Sect. 4. The provisions of this act shall be enforced by the fire inspector. There shall be submitted to the fire inspector, for approval, a preliminary set of plans for each sprinkler system drawn clearly and distinctly to an indicated scale, showing location of building, points of compass, essential features of construction and interior arrangements that have a relation to the proper construction of a sprinkler system. After approval of preliminary plans there

9 shall be filed for final approval a set of complete working
10 plans for the construction of the sprinkler system.

Sect. 5. When a sprinkler system is entirely completed
2 in accordance with aforesaid regulations and approved
3 plans, application shall be made to the fire inspector for
4 the inspection by the contractor who has done the work,
5 who shall furnish a written statement that a sprinkler sys-
6 tem has been constructed in the aforesaid manner.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect the first day of January,
2 nineteen hundred twenty-nine.