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LCO No. 3785

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES
REGARDING RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-315 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) (1) When any building is to be built having more than four
4 stories and is to be used for human occupancy, such building shall
5 have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the State Fire
6 Marshal on each floor.

7 (2) When any building is (A) to be built as an educational
8 occupancy, (B) eligible for a school building project grant pursuant to
9 chapter 173, and (C) put out to bid on or after July 1, 2004, such
10 building shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved
11 by the State Fire Marshal on each floor. "Educational occupancy" shall
12 have the same meaning as in the Fire Safety Code.

13 (b) Each hotel or motel having six or more guest rooms and
14 providing sleeping accommodations for more than sixteen persons for

15 which a building permit for new occupancy is issued on or after
16 January 1, 1987, shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system
17 installed on each floor in accordance with regulations adopted by the
18 Commissioner of Public Safety.

19 (c) Not later than October 1, 1992, each hotel or motel having more
20 than four stories shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system
21 approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor.

22 (d) (1) Not later than January 1, 1995, each residential building
23 having more than four stories and occupied primarily by elderly
24 persons shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by
25 the State Fire Marshal on each floor. Not later than January 1, 1994, the
26 owner or manager of or agency responsible for such residential
27 building shall submit plans for the installation of such system, signed
28 and sealed by a licensed professional engineer, to the local fire marshal
29 within whose jurisdiction such building is located or to the State Fire
30 Marshal, as the case may be. For the purposes of this subsection, the
31 phrase "occupied primarily by elderly persons" means that on October
32 1, 1993, or on the date of any inspection, if later, a minimum of eighty
33 per cent of the dwelling units available for human occupancy in a
34 residential building have at least one resident who has attained the age
35 of sixty-five years.

36 (2) Each residential building having more than twelve living units
37 and occupied primarily by elderly persons, as defined in subdivision
38 (1) of this subsection, or designed to be so occupied, for which a
39 building permit for new occupancy is issued or which is substantially
40 renovated on or after January 1, 1997, shall have an automatic fire
41 extinguishing system approved by the State Fire Marshal on each floor.

42 (e) No building inspector shall grant a building permit unless a fire
43 extinguishing system as required by subsection (a) or (b) of this section
44 is included in the final, approved building plans and no fire marshal or
45 building inspector shall permit occupancy of such a building unless
46 such fire extinguishing system is installed and operable. The State Fire

47 Marshal may require fire extinguishing systems approved by him to be
48 installed in other occupancies where they are required in the interest of
49 safety because of special occupancy hazards.

50 (f) Each city and town may adopt an ordinance, consistent with
51 standards established by the State Fire Marshal, requiring that any
52 dwelling unit more than two thousand five hundred square feet for
53 which a building permit is issued after the adoption of such ordinance
54 shall have an automatic fire extinguishing system approved by the
55 State Fire Marshal.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To allow municipalities to adopt ordinances requiring residential fire sprinkler systems in new residences having a total square footage of not less than 2,500 square feet.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]