## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 203

March 15, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Kreibich, Kelso, Hahn, Plale, Sykora, Brandemuehl, Wasserman, Spillner, Owens, Hutchison, Seratti, Petrowski, Urban, Ott, Underheim, Powers and Gunderson, cosponsored by Senators Risser, Darling and Zien. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 101.14 (4) (b) 1. and 101.14 (4) (b) 2. c.; and *to create* 101.14
- 2 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** automatic fire sprinkler systems in University of Wisconsin System residence halls.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a public building over 60 feet tall that was constructed after July 3, 1974, is generally required to contain an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor. Current law also requires certain buildings under 60 feet tall to contain an automatic fire sprinkler system in limited areas within each building.

This bill requires all University of Wisconsin System residence halls over 60 feet tall that were constructed before the effective date of this bill to be fitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor before January 1, 2006. This bill also requires all University of Wisconsin System residence halls constructed on or after the effective date of this bill to be fitted with an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor during construction.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 101.14 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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101.14 **(4)** (b) 1. Except as provided in subd. subds. 2. and 3., the rules of the department shall require all such places and buildings over 60 feet in height, the construction of which is begun after July 3, 1974, to contain an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor.

**SECTION 2.** 101.14 (4) (b) 2. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

101.14 **(4)** (b) 2. c. Subdivision Except as provided in subd. 3, subd. 1. does not apply to any building over 60 feet in height the construction of which is completed or is begun prior to July 3, 1974.

**SECTION 3.** 101.14 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

101.14 (4) (b) 3. The rules of the department shall require every residence hall and dormitory over 60 feet in height the initial construction of which was begun before the effective date of this subdivision .... [revisor inserts date], that is owned or operated by the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System to contain an automatic fire sprinkler system on each floor by January 1, 2006. Notwithstanding par. (c) 1., the rules of the department shall further require every residence hall and dormitory the initial construction of which is begun on or after the effective date of this subdivision .... [revisor inserts date], that is owned or operated by the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin System to have an automatic fire sprinkler system installed on each floor at the time the residence hall or dormitory is constructed.