

1973 Assembly Bill 567

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CHAPTER 326, Laws of 1973

AN ACT to amend 101.12 (1) (a) and 101.14 (title); and to create 101.14 (3) of the statutes, relating to fire detection, prevention or suppression devices, granting rule-making authority and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 101.12 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

101.12 (1) (a) Heating, ventilation ~~and~~, air conditioning and fire detection, prevention or suppression systems.

SECTION 2. 101.14 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

101.14 (title) Fire inspections, prevention, detection and suppression.

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

101.14 (3) (a) The department shall make rules, pursuant to ch. 227, requiring the owner of each place of employment and public building which exceeds 60 feet in height to install such fire detection, prevention or suppression devices as will protect the property and the health, welfare and safety of all employers, employes and frequenters of each place of employment and public building. These rules shall require all such places and buildings, the construction of which is begun after the effective date of this section (1973), to contain an automatic sprinkler system, as defined in s. 145.01 (8), on each floor. If the department determines that water would cause irreparable damage and undue economic loss if discharged in such places or buildings, it shall require a suppression device which has a substance other than water.

(b) Fire detection, prevention and suppression devices, installation of which may be required, include but are not limited to smoke and heat detection devices, standpipes and an automatic fire sprinkler system as defined in s. 145.01 (8).

(c) Each building, the construction of which is completed or is begun prior to the effective date of this section (1973), shall be exempt from compliance with this subsection. Each building, the construction of which is begun after the effective date of this section (1973), or additions to which are begun after such date, shall have the necessary devices installed at the time of its construction.

(d) Whoever violates this subsection may be fined not less than \$100 but not more than \$500 for each day of violation.

(e) The department may inspect all buildings covered by this subsection and may issue such orders as may be necessary to assure compliance with it.
