2007 SENATE BILL 344

December 3, 2007 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail.

AN ACT *to amend* 101.14 (4) (c) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** fire detection, prevention, and suppression rules governing places of employment and public buildings under 60 feet in height (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Commerce).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Commerce is required to promulgate rules requiring owners of places of employment and public buildings to install fire detection, prevention, or suppression devices to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the persons who use those places and buildings. Current law also provides that the rules governing those places and buildings that are under 60 feet in height must be based upon provisions in the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc., building code. This bill provides that the rules must, instead, be based upon provisions in the International Code Council, Inc., building code.

For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Commerce and introduced by the Law Revision

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Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

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

101.14 **(4)** (c) 1. The rules of the department governing such places and buildings under 60 feet in height shall be based upon but may vary from those provisions in the <u>Building Officials and International</u> Code <u>Administrators International Council</u>, Inc., building code which relate to fire detection, prevention and suppression in public buildings and places of employment.

Note: According to the Department of Commerce, the Building Officials and Code Administrators, Inc. (BOCA) has not existed since October, 2002, when the 3 model code organizations, of which BOCA was one, became the International Code Council, Inc.

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