

1977 Senate Bill 639

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## CHAPTER 413, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to amend 101.14 (4) (a) and (c) of the statutes, relating to exception to the automatic sprinkler system requirement for open parking structures.

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

SECTION 1. 101.14 (4) (a) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

101.14 (4) (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 July 3, 1974, except open parking structures as defined by the department, 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.

(c) Each building, the construction of which is completed or is begun prior to July 3, 1974, shall be exempt from compliance with this subsection. Each building, the construction of which is begun after July 3, 1974, except open parking structures as defined by the department, or additions to which are begun after such date, shall have the necessary devices installed at the time of its construction.

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