

1981 Assembly Bill 239

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**CHAPTER 320 , Laws of 1981**

AN ACT to renumber 101.14 (4) (d) and (e); to renumber and amend 101.14 (4) (b) and (c); to amend 101.14 (4) (a); and to create 101.14 (4) (c), (d) 1. (intro.), b, bp and c and (g) (intro.) and 1 of the statutes, relating to requirements for fire detection, prevention or suppression devices in places of employment and public buildings.

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

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

101.14 (4) (a) The department shall make rules, pursuant to ch. 227, requiring ~~the owner~~ owners of each ~~place~~ places of employment and public ~~building which exceeds 60 feet in height~~ buildings 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~~ places of employment and public ~~building~~. ~~These buildings.~~

(b) 1. Except as provided in subd. 2, 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, 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.

2. a. Subdivision 1 does not apply to any open parking structure, as defined by the department.

b. 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.

SECTION 2. 101.14 (4) (b) and (c) of the statutes are renumbered 101.14 (4) (g) 2 and (d), respectively, and amended to read:

101.14 (4) (d) 1. a. Each building over 60 feet in height, the construction of which is completed or is begun prior to July 3, 1974, shall be is exempt from compliance with this subsection par. (b).

2. 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, required by rule under this subsection to contain fire detection, prevention and suppression devices shall have the necessary devices installed at the time of its construction.

(g) 2. "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) systems.

SECTION 3. 101.14 (4) (c) and (d) 1. (intro.), b, bp and c of the statutes are created to read:

101.14 (4) (c) The rules of the department governing such places and buildings under 60 feet in height shall be in substantial conformity with those provisions in article 17 of the building officials and code administrators international, inc., basic building code, 1981, 8th edition, which relate to fire protection systems in buildings under 60 feet in height.

(d) 1. (intro.) The following buildings are exempt as provided:

b. Each building under 60 feet in height, the construction of which is completed or begun prior to the effective date of this subdivision (1981), is exempt from compliance with par. (c).

bp. Each hospital, nursing home, community-based residential facility and day care center, as defined by the department, is exempt from compliance with par. (c).

c. Each building used for farming purposes or primarily for the sale of farm machinery is exempt from compliance with this subsection.

SECTION 4. 101.14 (4) (d) and (e) of the statutes are renumbered 101.14 (4) (e) and (f).

SECTION 5. 101.14 (4) (g) (intro.) and 1 of the statutes are created to read:

101.14 (4) (g) (intro.) As used in the subsection:

1. "Automatic sprinkler system" has the meaning provided in s. 145.01 (8).