

1983 Assembly Bill 827

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1983 Wisconsin Act 295

AN ACT to repeal 101.14 (4) (d) 1. (intro.) and a to c; to renumber 101.14 (4) (d) 2; to renumber and amend 101.14 (4) (c) and 101.14 (4) (d) 1. d; to amend 101.14 (4) (a) and 101.14 (4) (g) 2; and to create 101.14 (4) (b) 2. c and 101.14 (4) (c) 2 of the statutes, relating to fire detection, prevention and suppression.

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 owners of places of employment and public 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 places of employment and public buildings.

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

101.14 (4) (b) 2. c. Subdivision 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) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (4) (c) 1 and 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 ~~in substantial conformity with~~ based upon but may vary from 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 detection, prevention and suppression in public buildings and places of employment.

SECTION 4. 101.14 (4) (c) 2 of the statutes is created to read:

101.14 (4) (c) 2. Before the effective date of the rules promulgated under subd. 1, as affected by 1983 Wisconsin Act ... (this act), section 3, the department may grant a variance to any rule relating to automatic fire sprinklers and mandated under chapter 320, laws of 1981, if the department first does both of the following:

a. Consults with the chief of the fire department having authority over the place of employment or public building.

b. Determines that the variance provides protection, substantially equivalent to that of the rules mandated by chapter 320, laws of 1981, of the health, safety and welfare of employers, employes and frequenters of the place of employment or public building.

SECTION 5. 101.14 (4) (d) 1. (intro.) and a to c of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 6. 101.14 (4) (d) 1. d of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (4) (d) and amended to read:

101.14 (4) (d) To the extent that the historic building code applies to the subject matter of this subsection, each qualified historic building, as defined under s. 101.121 (2) (c), is exempt from this subsection if the owner elects to be subject to s. 101.121.

SECTION 7. 101.14 (4) (d) 2 of the statutes is renumbered 101.14 (4) (dm).

SECTION 8. 101.14 (4) (g) 2 of the statutes is amended to read:

101.14 (4) (g) 2. "Fire detection, prevention and suppression devices" include but are not limited to manual fire alarm systems, smoke and heat detection devices, fire extinguishers, standpipes, automatic fire suppression systems and automatic fire sprinkler systems.

SECTION 9. **Effective dates.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), this act takes effect on the day after publication.

(2) The treatment of section 101.14 (4) (d) 1. d of the statutes by this act takes effect on May 1, 1984.