

boundaries, neglect or refuse to be present at such meeting, or being present, neglect or refuse to hear and vote upon the application before them, the application shall be deemed denied, and an appeal may be had therefrom in similar manner, and with like effect as in other cases of denial. The provisions of section 418, 419, 422, and 497 shall, as far as may be applicable, apply to the above proceedings.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 349.

AN ACT providing for fire escapes on buildings.

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

**Fire escapes how placed; in cities to have stand pipe.** SECTION

1. Every inn, hotel, boarding house, store-house, tenement house, every building now or hereafter used, in whole or in part, as a public building, public or private institution, office or store building, school house, theater, public hall, place of assemblage, or place of public resort more than two stories high and containing above the ground floor, sleeping apartments, offices, an assembly hall, work-rooms or a room intended to be used as a place of amusement, all or any of which rooms are designed for occupancy by twenty-five or more persons, shall be provided with one or more fire proof stairways or ladders on the outside thereof, placed in such position and as many in number as may be designated by the chief of the fire department or fire marshal of the village or city in which the building is located, or by the state factory inspector. If more than one stairway or ladder is required, each side of such inn, hotel, boarding house, store-house, tenement building, every building now or hereafter used, in whole or in part as a public building, public or private institution, office or store building, school house, theater, public hall, place of assemblage or place of public resort shall be provided

herewith. Such stairways or ladders shall connect the cornice with the top of the first story of any such building, by a wrought iron platform, balcony, piazza or other safe and convenient resting place on a level with the floor of each story so connected, and of sufficient length to permit access to the same from not less than two windows of each story; they shall be convenient of access from the interior of the building, commodious in size and form and of sufficient strength to be safe for the purpose of ascent and descent. In cities and villages where there is a water supply for fire purposes, there shall be attached to such stairs or ladders a three-inch wrought iron standpipe extending from a point within five feet of the ground to a point three feet above the roof or cornice at each story above the first and on the roof there shall be attached a two and one-half inch angle hose valve with male hose connection, and a double or siamese "Y" female hose connection at the base of the pipe, with threads to conform to the size and pattern used by the fire department where the building is located.

**Elevator shafts to be fire-proof.** SECTION 2. The inside walls or casings of every elevator used for the conveyance of passengers to and from the upper stories of any such building as is within the preceding section, shall be constructed of fire proof material throughout.

**Night watchman; posting of directions to means of safety.** SECTION 3. In all such buildings as are described in section 1, which contain one hundred rooms or more, not less than one efficient watchman shall be on duty from 10 o'clock p. m. until 5 o'clock a. m. during each and every night that any such building is occupied. There shall be posted in every room in every building designated in said section, in legible print a brief and accurate statement of all means of safety and escape therefrom in case of fire, and a red light shall be kept burning all night at the head of each stairway above the first floor, also on each floor above the first, at or near the exit to such fireproof stairway or ladder.

**Who to enforce act; duty of district attorney.** SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of labor, factory inspector, assistant factory inspector, chief or marshal of the fire department of every city or village to enforce the provisions of the foregoing sections. Any person who shall fail to comply with the provisions of said sections within ninety days after being notified in writing to do so by either of said officers whose duty it may be to give notice, shall be punished according to law. Said commissioner of labor, factory inspector, assistant factory in-

spector, chief or marshal upon receiving notice or obtaining knowledge that any person within his jurisdiction has not so complied with said provisions, shall file a written statement to that effect with the proper district attorney, which, being done, he shall prosecute such person.

**Penalty for failure to comply with act.** SECTION 5. The owner, tenant or other person in charge of any building within either of the four next preceding sections, who shall fail or neglect, after a written notice has been given him in accordance with the next preceding section, to comply with any of the provisions of said sections, which are applicable to the building owned, leased or in his charge, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not longer than ninety days.

**Repeal of statutes.** SECTION 6. The section of printed matter in brevier type and enclosed in brackets at the top of page 1187 of the statutes of 1898 and designated as section 1636e, in section 25 of chapter 351 of the laws of 1899 and section 1636f, section 1636g, section 1636h, and section 1636i of the statutes of 1898 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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