

Subject Building code requirements for rural special event centers

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Overview

This bill modifies and clarifies the State Building Code requirements for places of public accommodation. This would result in rural special event centers with occupancy loads of between 100 and 300 no longer being required to have automatic fire sprinkler systems.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Definition.
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	Reduces the occupant load in the definition of places of public accommodation from 200 to 100, meaning smaller facilities now qualify as places of public accommodation.
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	Effective Date: This section is effective the day following final enactment.
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2	Enforcement.
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	Clarifies that the Department of Labor and Industry has building code enforcement responsibilities for places of public accommodation in areas without municipal code enforcement only for those facilities constructed or converted since July 1, 2017.
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3	Fire sprinklers required.
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	Adds a subdivision requiring automatic fire sprinkler systems in places of public accommodation only if they:
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ were constructed, added to, or altered after August 1, 2008; and▪ have an occupant load of 300 or more. |
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Section **Description**

For special event centers, this increases the occupancy load that triggers the sprinkler requirement from 100 to 300, putting them in line with the existing building code requirement for all other types of places of public accommodation.

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