

House Bill 368

By: Representatives Strickland of the 111th, Hamilton of the 24th, Bryant of the 162nd, Pruett of the 149th, Broadrick of the 4th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to buildings relative to the standards and requirements for construction, alteration,
3 and other matters, so as to repeal and reserve Part 5 of said article, relating to glass
4 installations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 buildings relative to the standards and requirements for construction, alteration, and other
10 matters, is amended by repealing and reserving Part 5, relating to glass installations, as
11 follows:

12 ~~"Part 5~~

13 ~~8-2-90.~~

14 ~~As used in this part, the term:~~

15 ~~(1) 'Fabricator' means a person who fabricates, assembles, or glazes from component~~
16 ~~parts such structures or products commonly known as sliding glass doors, entrance doors,~~
17 ~~adjacent fixed glazed panels, storm doors, shower doors, bathtub enclosures, fixed glazed~~
18 ~~panels, or other glazed structures to be used or installed in hazardous locations:~~

19 ~~(2)(A) 'Hazardous locations' means for the purpose of glazing:~~

20 ~~(i) Glazing in ingress and egress doors, except wired glass in required fire doors and~~
21 ~~jalousies;~~

22 ~~(ii) Glazing in fixed and sliding panels of sliding type doors (patio and mall type);~~

23 ~~(iii) Glazing in storm doors;~~

- 24 ~~(iv) Glazing in all unframed swinging doors;~~
 25 ~~(v) Glazing in shower and bathtub doors and enclosures;~~
 26 ~~(vi) Glazing, operable or inoperable, adjacent to a door in all buildings and within the~~
 27 ~~same wall plane as the door whose nearest vertical edge is within 12 inches of the~~
 28 ~~door in a closed position and whose bottom edge is less than 60 inches above the floor~~
 29 ~~or walking surface;~~
 30 ~~(vii) Glazing in fixed panels having a glazed area in excess of nine square feet with~~
 31 ~~the lowest edge less than 18 inches above the finish floor level or walking surface~~
 32 ~~within 36 inches of such glazing. In lieu of safety glazing, such glazed panels may be~~
 33 ~~protected with a horizontal member not less than one and one-half inches wide when~~
 34 ~~located between 24 and 36 inches above the walking surface; or~~
 35 ~~(viii) All doors, windows, and mirrors on public buses and trains.~~
 36 ~~(B) The following products, materials, and uses shall not be included in the definition~~
 37 ~~of the term 'hazardous locations':~~
 38 ~~(i) Openings in doors through which a three-inch sphere is unable to pass;~~
 39 ~~(ii) Leaded glass panels where no individual piece of glass has an area greater than~~
 40 ~~30 square inches;~~
 41 ~~(iii) Glazing materials used as curved glass panels in revolving doors;~~
 42 ~~(iv) Commercial refrigerated cabinet glazed doors; or~~
 43 ~~(v) Faceted and decorative glass.~~
 44 ~~(3) 'Installer' means those persons who or those concerns which install glazing materials~~
 45 ~~or build structures containing glazing materials in hazardous locations.~~
 46 ~~(4) 'Manufacturer' means a person who manufactures safety glazing material.~~
 47 ~~(5) 'Safety glazing material' means any glazing material, such as tempered glass,~~
 48 ~~laminated glass, wire glass, or rigid plastic, which meets the requirements of the USA~~
 49 ~~Standard Z-97.1-1966 or such requirements as are or may be hereafter adopted by the~~
 50 ~~Georgia Department of Labor and which are constructed, treated, or combined with other~~
 51 ~~materials in such a manner as to minimize the likelihood of cutting and piercing injuries~~
 52 ~~resulting from human contact with the glazing material.~~
- 53 ~~8-2-91:~~
 54 ~~It shall be unlawful, for use in the State of Georgia, knowingly to sell, fabricate, assemble,~~
 55 ~~glaze, install, or consent to be installed any glazed structure, product, or material to be used~~
 56 ~~in any hazardous location if said product, material, or structure contains any glass or~~
 57 ~~glazing product other than safety glazing material.~~

58 ~~8-2-92:~~

59 ~~Transparent glass or plastic doors located in commercial or public places which are situated~~
60 ~~in buildings open to the public must, in addition to use of safety glazing materials, be~~
61 ~~posted, painted, or otherwise marked in such a manner as to alert the public as to their~~
62 ~~presence. Such posting, painting, or marking shall also be required in those places glazed~~
63 ~~with nonsafety glazing materials prior to July 1, 1970:~~

64 ~~8-2-93:~~

65 ~~Any light which is made of safety glazing material and which is manufactured, distributed,~~
66 ~~imported, sold, or installed within the State of Georgia shall be permanently labeled by the~~
67 ~~manufacturer of the glazing material by etching or sand blasting, or by firing ceramic~~
68 ~~material on the glass; and such label shall be visible after glazing. The label shall identify~~
69 ~~the manufacturer and the thickness and type of safety glazing material and shall state that~~
70 ~~it meets the requirements of USA Standard Z-97.1-1966 or such requirements as are or may~~
71 ~~be hereafter adopted by the Georgia Department of Labor. The use of such labeling or~~
72 ~~identification on materials other than safety glazing materials shall be a violation of this~~
73 ~~part:~~

74 ~~8-2-94:~~

75 ~~The Commissioner of Labor shall administer and enforce this part. He shall have the power~~
76 ~~and authority to adopt and promulgate such reasonable rules and regulations as shall be~~
77 ~~necessary in order that he might carry out the duties and responsibilities imposed upon him~~
78 ~~by this part and in order that the purposes and intent of this part shall be effectuated:~~

79 ~~8-2-95:~~

80 ~~Any person who violates any provision of this part shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.~~
81 Reserved."

82 **SECTION 2.**

83 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
84 without such approval.

85 **SECTION 3.**

86 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.