

SENATE BILL NO. 67—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to fire safety requirements for multi-story buildings occupied by people. (BDR 42-412)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the State Fire Marshal; revising certain provisions relating to fire safety requirements in certain multi-story buildings where human occupancy is permitted; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the owner or operator of every hotel, motel, office,
2 apartment building or condominium where human occupancy is permitted on floors
3 which are more than 55 feet above the lowest level of ground accessible to vehicles
4 of a fire department to take certain measures to enhance safety from fire, including
5 equipping certain areas of that building with fire sprinklers. (NRS 477.150) This
6 bill provides that these requirements relating to fire safety do not apply in certain
7 larger counties in this State (currently Clark County) if the code of the county is at
8 least as stringent as the most recently published edition of the *International Fire*
9 *Code* and the *International Building Code* published by the International Code
10 Council.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 477.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 477.150 ~~The~~
3 *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the* owner or
4 operator of every hotel, motel, office, apartment building or



1 condominium where human occupancy is permitted on floors which
2 are more than 55 feet above the lowest level of ground accessible to
3 vehicles of a fire department, shall:

4 ~~11-~~ (a) Equip each exit corridor of the building with fire
5 sprinklers as required by regulations of the State Fire Marshal;

6 ~~12-~~ (b) Except in a condominium, equip each room with at least
7 one fire sprinkler above each door opening into an exit corridor of
8 the building;

9 ~~13-~~ (c) Equip every elevator so as to permit it to be recalled
10 automatically, in compliance with section A 17.1 of the 1978 edition
11 of the American National Standards Institute and section 211.3 of
12 the 1981 amendments to that edition, to the first floor or, if
13 necessary, to any other floor of the building not affected by fire;

14 ~~14-~~ (d) Post the number of each floor in every stairwell and in
15 every lobby adjacent to an elevator;

16 ~~15-~~ (e) Equip the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning
17 system with an automatic device to shut it off as prescribed in
18 section 1009 of the 1979 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code,
19 and with an additional smoke detector as required by the 1978
20 edition of National Fire Protection Association Standard 90A; ~~and~~

21 ~~6-~~ (f) In each room primarily used for sleeping, except in a
22 condominium:

23 ~~1(a)-~~ (1) Post in a prominent location an explanation of the route
24 to use for evacuation of the building; and

25 ~~1(b)-~~ (2) Install a paging alarm system which conforms to the
26 regulations of the State Fire Marshal, to permit vocal warning and
27 instructions to the occupants ~~11~~; and

28 ~~17-~~ (g) In a condominium, install in the common areas a paging
29 alarm system meeting the requirements of ~~11~~ ~~paragraph (b) of~~
30 ~~subsection 6-~~ ~~subparagraph (2) of paragraph (f)~~, with a sound
31 level of 80 decibels.

32 *2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply in a county*
33 *whose population is 700,000 or more which has adopted a code at*
34 *least as stringent as the International Fire Code and the*
35 *International Building Code, published by the International Code*
36 *Council. To maintain the exemption from the applicability of the*
37 *provisions of subsection 1, the code of the county must be at least*
38 *as stringent as the most recently published edition of the*
39 *International Fire Code and the International Building Code*
40 *within 1 year after publication of such an edition.*

41 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

