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KASUNIC, MARCH 10, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MARCH 10, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act to provide for the safety of persons
3 employed, housed, or assembled in certain buildings and
4 structures not in cities of the first class, second class,
5 and second class A, by requiring certain construction and
6 ways of egress, equipment, and maintenance; providing for the
7 licensing of projectionists, except in cities of the first
8 class and second class; requiring the submission of plans for
9 examination and approval; providing for the promulgation of
10 rules and regulations for the enforcement of this act;
11 providing for the enforcement of this act by the Department
12 of Labor and Industry and, in certain cases, by the chiefs of
13 fire departments in cities of the third class; providing
14 penalties for violations of the provisions of this act; and
15 repealing certain acts," requiring the installation of smoke
16 detectors in all State, county and municipal government
17 buildings.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. The title of the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465,
21 No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, amended January
22 14, 1952 (1951 P.L.1889, No.518), is amended to read:

23 AN ACT

24 To provide for the safety of persons employed, housed, or

1 assembled in certain buildings and structures not in cities
2 of the first class, second class, and second class A, by
3 requiring certain construction and ways of egress, equipment,
4 and maintenance; requiring the installation of smoke
5 detectors in all State, county and municipal government
6 buildings; providing for the licensing of projectionists,
7 except in cities of the first class and second class;
8 requiring the submission of plans for examination and
9 approval; providing for the promulgation of rules and
10 regulations for the enforcement of this act; providing for
11 the enforcement of this act by the Department of Labor and
12 Industry and, in certain cases, by the chiefs of fire
13 departments in cities of the third class; providing penalties
14 for violations of the provisions of this act; and repealing
15 certain acts.

16 Section 2. Section 3 of the act, amended April 11, 1939
17 (P.L.18, No.17), is amended to read:

18 Section 3. Special Requirements.--(a) There shall be
19 installed such emergency lighting systems, sprinkler systems,
20 and fire alarm systems, in such of the buildings enumerated in
21 this act as the Department of Labor and Industry may specify and
22 which in its judgment are necessary to give proper protection
23 from fire and panic to those employed, assembled, lodged or
24 housed therein. No such systems shall be installed unless they
25 are of a type approved by the Department of Labor and Industry.

26 (b) In addition to any other emergency systems required by
27 this act, all State, county and municipal government buildings
28 shall be equipped with smoke detectors of a type approved by the
29 Department of Labor and Industry. The approved smoke detectors
30 shall be installed in such places and in such manner as the

1 Department of Labor and Industry shall require by regulation.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.