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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 8, 1979

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," exempting certain cities from
16 certain requirements relating to approval of certain plans.

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

19 Section 1. Section 8, act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465,
20 No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, amended May 22,
21 1953 (P.L.196, No.15) and the second paragraph amended December
22 10, 1974 (P.L.860, No.290), is amended to read:

23 Section 8. Approval of Plans.--It shall be the duty of the
24 owner, architect, or contractor of every building or structure,
25 as described in this act, hereafter erected, adapted, remodeled,

1 or altered, to submit to the Department of Labor and Industry
2 for approval, architectural drawings, specifications, or other
3 data showing compliance with the provisions of this act and the
4 rules and regulations of the said department which may be
5 promulgated for the enforcement of the provisions of this act.
6 No such building or structure shall be erected, adapted,
7 remodeled, or altered, until such plans have been examined and
8 approval given by the Department of Labor and Industry, and a
9 building permit obtained in municipalities where such permit is
10 required by ordinance.

11 For making the necessary examination for approval of
12 architectural drawings, specifications, or other data, the
13 department shall make a charge equal to the actual cost of
14 making such examinations, not, however, to exceed the sum of
15 five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and no such drawings,
16 specifications, or other data shall be approved until payment is
17 made of the fee charged therefor. All fees received by the said
18 department for making such examinations shall be paid into the
19 State Treasury through the Department of Revenue.

20 Any such owner, architect, or contractor, whose drawings or
21 specifications have been submitted to and approved by said
22 department as herein provided, may proceed with the erection,
23 adapting, remodeling, or altering of such building or structure
24 without submitting such drawings or specifications to or
25 obtaining the approval of any other department, board, or agency
26 of the State government.

27 The provisions of this section shall not apply to any city of
28 the third class, having a population in excess of twenty-five
29 thousand (25,000).

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