

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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KING, YANDRISEVITS, ROONEY, BEBKO-JONES AND CURRY,
FEBRUARY 1, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 1, 1993

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 by requiring certain construction and ways of
5 egress, equipment, and maintenance; providing for the
6 licensing of projectionists, except in cities of the first
7 class and second class; requiring the submission of plans for
8 examination and approval; providing for the promulgation of
9 rules and regulations for the enforcement of this act;
10 providing for the enforcement of this act by the Department
11 of Labor and Industry, the Department of Health, boards of
12 school directors 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," providing for certain safety standards for
16 grandstands, stadiums and amphitheaters.

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

19 Section 1. The act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299),
20 referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, is amended by adding a
21 section to read:

22 Section 3.7. Grandstands, Stadiums and Amphitheaters.--(a)

Grandstands, stadiums and amphitheaters with assembly-seating facilities that are permanent, temporary or portable, and that are fixed, folding or telescoping, and that are not within the scope of NFPA-101, Life Safety Code, shall be constructed in accordance with NFPA-102, Life Safety Code, provided, however, that in no event will the openings between the seat and footboard be more than four (4) inches in width.

(b) Grandstands, stadiums and amphitheaters for which plans are submitted for approval under section 8 on or after the effective date of this section shall be in compliance with this act.

(c) Grandstands, stadiums and amphitheaters which are in existence or for which plans have been approved under section 8 before the effective date of this section shall be in compliance with this act within three (3) years of the effective date of this section.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, cities of the first class, second class and second class A shall adopt ordinances or rules and regulations which are at least as stringent as the requirements imposed by this act.

(e) For the purpose of this section, "NFPA Life Safety Code" means the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 120 days.