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APRIL 3, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, APRIL 3, 1989

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," requiring the installation of smoke detectors  
16 in all State, county and municipal government buildings.

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

19 Section 1. The title of the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465,  
20 No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, amended December  
21 21, 1988 (P.L.1315, No.168), is amended to read:

22 AN ACT

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

1 assembled in certain buildings and structures by requiring  
2 certain construction and ways of egress, equipment, and  
3 maintenance; requiring the installation of smoke detectors in  
4 all State, county and municipal government buildings;  
5 providing for the licensing of projectionists, except in  
6 cities of the first class and second class; requiring the  
7 submission of plans for examination and approval; providing  
8 for the promulgation of rules and regulations for the  
9 enforcement of this act; providing for the enforcement of  
10 this act by the Department of Labor and Industry, the  
11 Department of Health, boards of school directors and, in  
12 certain cases, by the chiefs of fire departments in cities of  
13 the third class; providing penalties for violations of the  
14 provisions of this act; and repealing certain acts.

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

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

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

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