

**ALLOWING FIRST CLASS CITIES TO MAKE AND ENFORCE FIRE REGULATIONS FOR
BUSINESSES**

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AN ACT

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Empowering cities of the first class of the Commonwealth, within a limited time period, to make and enforce, by ordinances, fire prevention codes regulating the occupation and use of buildings and structures, and the conduct of trades or businesses which, due to the nature thereof, create a fire hazard or danger to life or property by fire or explosion; and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. In order to promote the public safety and the general welfare, cities of the first class of this Commonwealth, in addition to other remedies provided by law, are hereby authorized and empowered to enact and enforce, by ordinance, fire prevention codes to govern and regulate the occupation and use of all types of buildings and structures, and the method and manner of conducting or engaging in trades or businesses which, due to the nature thereof, create fire hazards or danger to life or property by fire or explosion. Such ordinances need not be published or advertised in full as required by law in the case of the adoption of ordinances: Provided, That a notice of the adoption of such ordinances as the fire prevention code of any such city, together with a brief summary setting forth the principal provisions thereof in such reasonable detail as will give adequate notice of its contents and a reference to the place where copies thereof are deposited and may be examined, shall be published in the manner provided for the publication of ordinances: And provided further, That any action under this act must be taken before any home rule charter becomes effective in any such cities.

Section 2. The ordinances enacted pursuant to this act shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of any statute governing the same matter, but all regulations prescribed by such ordinances which are additional or supplementary to the statute law and not inconsistent therewith, or enacted for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the statute law, shall be valid and binding.

Section 3. The said ordinances may provide proper penalties not exceeding fines of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days for violation of the provisions thereof. The fines may be increased within the limit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each for second or subsequent violations by the same person, firm or corporation. The said ordinances may provide that each calendar day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.