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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 12, 1971

AN ACT

1 Requiring the use of safety glazing materials in hazardous
2 locations in residential, commercial and public buildings,
3 imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry and
4 providing penalties.

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

7 Section 1. Definitions.--As used in this act:

8 (1) "Safety glazing material" means any glazing material,
9 such as tempered glass, laminated glass, wire glass or rigid
10 plastic, which meets the requirements of USA Standard Z-97.1-
11 1966 or such requirements adopted by the State Department of
12 Labor and Industry, and which are so constructed, treated or
13 combined with other materials as to minimize the likelihood of
14 cutting and piercing injuries resulting from human contact with
15 the glazing material.

16 (2) "Hazardous locations" means those installations glazed
17 or to be glazed in residential, commercial and public buildings

1 known as sliding glass doors, framed or unframed glass doors,
2 doors or adjacent fixed glazed panels, which may cover or be
3 mistaken for means of ingress or egress, storm doors, shower
4 doors, or tub enclosures whether or not the glazing in such
5 doors, panels or enclosures are transparent.

6 (3) "Installer" includes those persons or concerns who
7 install glazing materials, or build structures containing
8 glazing materials, in hazardous locations: Provided, however,
9 That it shall not include any glazier who installs glazing
10 material on a job site as an employe of a contractor or
11 subcontractor responsible for the installation.

12 (4) "Manufacturer" means a person or company which
13 manufactures safety glazing material.

14 (5) "Fabricator" means a person or company which fabricates,
15 assembles, or glazes from component parts such structures or
16 products commonly known as sliding glass doors, entrance doors,
17 adjacent fixed glazed panels, storm doors, shower doors, bath
18 tub enclosures, panels to be fixed glazed, entrance doors, or
19 other structures to be glazed, to be used or installed in
20 hazardous locations.

21 Section 2. Labeling.--Each light of safety glazing material
22 manufactured, distributed, imported, sold or installed within
23 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be permanently labeled in
24 accordance with the requirements of USA Standard Z-97.1-1966 or
25 by such additional methods as may be permitted by the
26 Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. The label shall
27 be visible after glazing. The use of such labeling or
28 identification on other than safety glazing materials shall be a
29 violation of this act.

30 Section 3. Posting, Painting or Marking.--Transparent glass

1 or plastic doors in commercial or public places in buildings
2 open to the public, must in addition to use of safety glazing
3 materials, be posted, painted, or otherwise marked in such a
4 manner as to alert the public as to their presence in accordance
5 with standards, rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania
6 Department of Labor and Industry. Such posting, painting, or
7 marking shall also be required in those places previously glazed
8 with non-safety glazing materials, prior to the effective date
9 of this act.

10 Section 4. Unlawful Acts.--It shall be unlawful, for use in
11 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to knowingly sell, fabricate,
12 assemble, glaze, include in specifications, install or consent
13 to be installed any product commonly known as a sliding glass
14 door, entrance door, fixed glazed panel adjacent to an entrance
15 door which may be mistaken for means of ingress or egress, storm
16 door, shower door, tub enclosure or any other glazed structure
17 for use in any hazardous locations, where said product, glazing
18 material or glazed structure contains any glass or glazing
19 product other than safety glazing material.

20 Section 5. Penalty.--Whoever violates the provisions of this
21 act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
22 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than five
23 hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars
24 (\$1,000), or to undergo imprisonment for not less than one nor
25 more than two years, or both.

26 Section 6. Enforcement.--The Pennsylvania Department of
27 Labor and Industry shall enforce those provisions of this act
28 which pertain to commercial and public buildings.

29 Section 7. Repeal.--The act of December 6, 1965 (P.L.1028),
30 entitled "An act requiring that transparent glass doors in

1 commercial and public places in buildings open to the public be
2 provided with safety glazing materials or be posted, painted or
3 otherwise marked for the protection of the public; requiring
4 safety glass in certain cases; imposing powers and duties on the
5 Department of Labor and Industry to promulgate standards, rules
6 and regulations; and providing penalties," is repealed
7 absolutely.

8 Section 8. Effective Date.--This act shall take effect March
9 1, 1971, but shall not apply to any contract awarded pursuant to
10 an invitation for bids issued on or before the date it takes
11 effect.