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Chapter 16. Fire Safety Emergency Signs

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"Owner" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "owner" means a person having control or custody of any building covered by this chapter.

As added by Acts 1982, P.L.139, SEC.1.

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Rules; adoption; application

Sec. 2. (a) The fire prevention and building safety commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 governing fire safety in certain buildings as specified in subsection (b).

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) and subsection (d), this chapter and the rules adopted under it apply to:

(1) all hotels, motels, apartments (in buildings containing three (3) or more apartments), and buildings containing three (3) or more sleeping rooms that rent for a fee; and

(2) all buildings occupied after September 14, 1982, as hotels, motels, apartments (in buildings containing three (3) or more apartments), and buildings containing three (3) or more sleeping rooms that rent for a fee.

(c) This chapter does not apply to hotels and motels that have no interior corridors and whose individual rooms have only exterior exits.

(d) This chapter does not apply to an apartment in an apartment building from which apartment there is immediate ground level access to the outside.

(e) Compliance with this chapter and the rules adopted under it does not relieve the owner of a building covered by this chapter from the requirements of any other applicable law, rule, regulation, or ordinance.

As added by Acts 1982, P.L.139, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.237-1983, SEC.1; P.L.8-1984, SEC.115.

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Rules; contents

Sec. 3. (a) The rules required by this chapter must include the following requirements:

(1) In all hotels, motels, and buildings containing three (3) or more sleeping rooms that rent for a fee, an emergency sign must be permanently affixed to the back of each guestroom or room door and by the entrance to a required exitway where there is an interior door with corridors to the exitway.

(2) In all apartments covered by this chapter, an emergency sign must be permanently affixed in a prominent location.

(b) The emergency signs required by subsection (a) must contain

the following information:

(1) Instructions on practical emergency procedures in case of fire or other emergency.

(2) In hotels, motels, and buildings containing three (3) or more sleeping rooms that rent for a fee only, a statement describing the number of doors (to the left or right) to a fire exit.

(c) In addition, the rules required by this chapter must include requirements for the letter size, color, content, location, and overall size of the emergency signs required by this chapter.

As added by Acts 1982, P.L.139, SEC.1.

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Violation; offense

Sec. 4. An owner violating the provisions of this chapter or the rules adopted under it, commits a Class A infraction.

As added by Acts 1982, P.L.139, SEC.1.

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Inspections to determine compliance

Sec. 5. The state fire marshal's office shall, as part of its normal inspection process, conduct inspections to determine if there is compliance with this chapter and the rules adopted under it. Any evidence of a violation shall be turned over to the prosecuting attorney of the county where the violation occurred.

As added by Acts 1982, P.L.139, SEC.1.