

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 885

Short Title: Building Code Compliance.

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Sponsors: Senator Sherron.

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Referred to: Commerce

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May 1, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO ADOPT  
ALTERNATIVE SAFETY SYSTEMS FOR BUILDINGS BUILT PRIOR TO 1953.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143-138(j) reads as rewritten:

"(j) Subsection (i) of this section does not apply to business occupancy buildings as defined in the North Carolina State Building Code except that evacuation plans as required on page 8, lines 2 through 16 [Section 1008, footnote following subsection (h)], and smoke detectors as required for Class I Buildings as required by Section 1008.2, page 11, lines 5 through 21 [Section 1008.2, subdivision (c)(1)]; Class II Buildings as required by Section 1008.3, page 17, lines 17 through 28 and page 18, lines 1 through 10 [Section 1008.3, subsections (c) and(d)]; and Class III Buildings, as required by Section 1008.4, lines 21 through 25 [Section 1008.4, subsection (c)] shall not be exempted from operation of this act as applied to business occupancy ~~buildings~~-~~buildings~~, except that the Council shall adopt rules that allow a business occupancy building built prior to 1953 to have a single exit to remain if the building complies with the following requirements on or before December 31, 2006:

(1) The building is fully equipped with quick response automatic sprinkler heads.

- 1           (2) The single exit stair enclosure has a two hour fire rating with all  
2           openings protected."  
3           Sec. 2. The Building Code Council shall adopt rules or amend the Building  
4 Code consistent with Section 1 of this act on or before October 1, 1995.  
5           Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.