

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2477

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5 By: Representatives Dunn, Thyer, Blount, Childers, J. Hutchinson, Maloch, Matayo, Anderson, Blair,
6 Bradford
7 By: Senators T. Smith, Altes, B. Johnson, J. Taylor, Wilkinson

For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF
12 CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES OF FINANCIAL
13 INSTITUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF FINANCIAL
17 INSTITUTIONS' CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-38-105 is amended to add an additional
23 subdivision to read as follows:

24 17-38-105. Exceptions.

25 This chapter shall not apply to:

26 (1) The installation, maintenance, repair, or renovation of fire
27 protection sprinkler systems and related mechanical appurtenances beginning
28 at a point where the pipe or piping system provides water used exclusively
29 for these automatic sprinklers and their related appurtenances and to
30 standpipes connected to automatic sprinkler systems;

31 (2) The construction, installation, maintenance, repair,
32 renovation, or removal of pipe or piping systems and related mechanical
33 appurtenances, appliances, or equipment used in connection with boilers or
34 related pressure pipe as defined in § 20-23-101, commercial or residential
35 swimming pools, or irrigation sprinkler systems from a point or location in a



1 source of potable water supply at which point or location there exists any
2 approved backflow preventor; ~~or~~

3 (3) Piping, fixtures, appurtenances, and appliances for and in
4 connection with liquified petroleum gas systems as defined in § 15-75-102-;

5 (4) The minimum number or location of plumbing fixtures or
6 toilet facilities for use by the public within buildings, offices, or
7 facilities maintained by banks, savings and loan associations, or credit
8 unions for the conduct of their business, and the exemption applies to any
9 existing or future plumbing codes, rules, or regulations promulgated by the
10 State Board of Health, or its successor agency; or

11 (5) No municipality or county shall pass or enforce any code or
12 regulation regarding the minimum number or location of plumbing fixtures or
13 toilet facilities for use by the public within buildings, offices, or
14 facilities maintained by banks, savings and loan associations, or credit
15 unions.

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17 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
18 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that public toilet and restroom
19 facilities in financial institutions cannot be provided in a safe and secure
20 manner; that because requiring financial institutions to maintain the
21 facilities is adverse to the safety and well-being of their customers and
22 employees; and that this act is immediately necessary to protect the public.
23 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
24 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
25 become effective on:

26 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

27 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
28 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
29 bill; or

30 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
31 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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33 /s/ Dunn, et al
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APPROVED: 3/18/2005

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