

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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1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1479

5 By: Representative S. Prater
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL AN OBSOLETE LAW REQUIRING ROPE
10 FIRE ESCAPES IN HOTELS AND INNS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 REQUIRING ROPE FIRE ESCAPES IN HOTELS
15 AND INNS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-26-404 is repealed.

22 ~~20-26-404. Fire escapes.~~

23 ~~(a) It shall be the duty of every person operating any hotel, or inn~~
24 ~~containing seven (7) rooms or more, two (2) stories high or more, within the~~
25 ~~State of Arkansas to have a rope:~~

26 ~~(1) Not less than one half inch (1/2") in diameter;~~

27 ~~(2) Knotted not more than fifteen inches (15") apart;~~

28 ~~(3) Of sufficient strength to hold up five hundred pounds (500~~
29 ~~lbs.);~~

30 ~~(4) Long enough to extend within twenty four inches (24") of the~~
31 ~~ground.~~

32 ~~(b) The rope is:~~

33 ~~(1) To be securely attached to the window sill, or wall of one~~
34 ~~(1) window in each room above the first story of the building to be occupied~~
35 ~~by the guest;~~



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~~(2) To be kept in full view at all times.~~

~~(c) This section does not apply to hotels equipped with iron fire escapes.~~

~~(d) Any proprietor, lessee, or manager of any hotel or inn refusing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The proprietor, lessee, manager, agent, or clerk in charge of the hotel or inn, whenever any violation of this section shall occur, shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days, or be punished by both fine and imprisonment.~~

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