

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1479

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

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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 AN ACT TO REPEAL AN OBSOLETE LAW
15 REQUIRING ROPE FIRE ESCAPES IN HOTELS
16 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 Arkansas Code § 20-26-404 is repealed.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;~~

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



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

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

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