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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2147

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2147 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Building Egress Act is amended by
5 adding Section 1.5 as follows:

6 (425 ILCS 55/1.5 new)

7 Sec. 1.5. Stairwell door access.

8 (a) Stairwell enclosures in buildings greater than 4
9 stories shall comply with one of the following requirements:

10 (1) No stairwell enclosure door shall be locked at any
11 time in order to provide re-entry from the stair enclosure
12 to the interior of the building; or

13 (2) Stairwell enclosure doors that are locked shall be
14 equipped with an electronic lock release system that is
15 activated upon loss of power, manually by a single switch
16 accessible to building management or firefighting
17 personnel, and automatically by activation of the
18 building's fire alarm system.

19 A telephone or other two-way communications system
20 connected to an approved constantly attended location shall be
21 provided at not less than every fifth floor in each stairway
22 where the doors to the stairway are locked. If this option is
23 selected, the building must comply with these requirements by
24 January 1, 2005.

1 (b) Regardless of which option is selected under subsection
2 (a), stairwell enclosure doors at the main egress level of the
3 building shall remain unlocked from the stairwell enclosure
4 side at all times.

5 (c) Building owners that select the option under paragraph
6 (2) of subsection (a) must comply with the following
7 requirements during the time necessary to install a lock
8 release system and the two-way communication system:

9 (1) Re-entry into the building interior shall be
10 possible at all times on the highest story or second
11 highest story, whichever allows access to another exit
12 stair;

13 (2) There shall not be more than 4 stories intervening
14 between stairwell enclosure doors that provided access to
15 another exit stair;

16 (3) Doors allowing re-entry shall be identified as such
17 on the stair side of the door;

18 (4) Doors not allowing re-entry shall be provided with
19 a sign on the stair side indicating the location of the
20 nearest exit, in each direction of travel that allows
21 re-entry; and

22 (5) The information required to be posted on the door
23 under paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection, shall be
24 posted at eye level and at the bottom of the door.

25 (d) A home rule unit, other than a home rule municipality
26 having a population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, may not
27 regulate stairwell door access in a manner less restrictive
28 than the regulation by the State of stairwell door access under
29 this Act. This subsection (d) is a limitation under subsection
30 (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on
31 the concurrent exercise by home rule units, other than any home
32 rule municipality having a population of 1,000,000 or more
33 inhabitants, of powers and functions exercised by the State."