

ANY BUILDING FOR COMMERCIAL, MERCANTILE, INDUSTRIAL, STORAGE, OFFICE, OR SIMILAR PURPOSES IS REQUIRED WHERE THE BUILDING IS AT LEAST FOUR STORIES, EXCLUDING ATTICS, AND BASEMENTS, AND BELOW-GROUND-LEVEL-FLOORS, OCCUPANY EVENING OCCUPANCY IS MORE THAN 25 PERSONS.

~~(4) THE SERVICE WIRING AND THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUITS OF THE EMERGENCY SYSTEM SHALL BE INDEPENDENT OF THE REGULAR ELECTRICAL SUPPLY SYSTEM.~~

~~(5) (4) THE CONTROL OF THE EMERGENCY SOURCE OF ELECTRICAL CURRENT AND POWER SHALL BE FULLY AUTOMATIC AND NOT DEPENDENT ON ANY MANUAL OPERATION OF ANY SWITCH OR DEVICE. THIS AUTOMATIC CONTROL SHALL OPERATE THE EMERGENCY SOURCE IN THE EVENT OF A FAILURE OF THE NORMAL POWER SUPPLY WHICH WOULD CAUSE THE ILLUMINATION LEVEL TO FALL BELOW THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE FIRE COMMISSION. ALL EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEMS SHALL BE CONTROLLED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ILLUMINATION WITHIN 20 SECONDS AFTER THE NORMAL SOURCE OF ELECTRICAL POWER HAS FAILED.~~

(4) INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND POWER SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 101 (THE NATIONAL LIFE SAFETY CODE) AND NFPA 70 (THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE).

(E) THE EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MAY BE POWERED BY GENERATORS, BATTERY PACKS, OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE.

~~(E)~~ (F) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY IN BALTIMORE CITY. IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENFORCE THESE PROVISIONS AND ANY APPEALS CONCERNING THESE PROVISIONS SHALL BE MADE TO THE CITY FIRE BOARD.

~~(F)~~ (G) ANY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF § 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July 1, 1980~~ January 1, 1981.

Approved May 27, 1980.

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CHAPTER 847

(House Bill 270)

AN ACT concerning