

DURING OUTAGES OR BLOCKAGES OF REGULAR SERVICES TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY;

(II) SUFFICIENT EXIT SIGNS THAT ARE ADEQUATELY LIGHTED TO GUIDE INDIVIDUALS ON THE PREMISES;

(III) SUFFICIENT EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL POWER TO OPERATE ELEVATORS, ELECTRICAL FACILITIES IN HOSPITAL OPERATING ROOMS, HOSPITAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT THAT ARE NECESSARY TO THE PROPER OPERATION OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES;

(IV) ADEQUATE EMERGENCY ELECTRIC LIGHTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 101 IN EACH BUILDING FOR COMMERCIAL, MERCANTILE, INDUSTRIAL, STORAGE, OFFICE, OR SIMILAR PURPOSES IF THE BUILDING IS AT LEAST 4 STORIES, EXCLUDING ATTICS AND BASEMENTS, AND EVENING OCCUPANCY IS MORE THAN 25 INDIVIDUALS; AND

(V) INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF EMERGENCY POWER AND LIGHTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 101 AND NFPA 70.

(3) (I) FOR PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (2)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE TO EVALUATE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE OPERATION OF HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES.

(II) IN MAKING THIS EVALUATION, THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL CONSIDER THE SIZE AND NATURE OF THE PARTICULAR HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME OPERATION.

(F) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL ENFORCE THIS SECTION AND THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION SO THAT INDIVIDUALS ON THE PREMISES ARE REASONABLY PROTECTED IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

(G) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES OF § 6-601 OF THIS ARTICLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a)(1) of this section is new language added as the standard introductory language to a definition subsection.

Subsection (a)(2) of this section is new language added to avoid repetition of the full title of the "State Fire Prevention Commission".

Subsection (a)(3) of this section is new language added to avoid repetition of the phrase "NFPA 70 (the National Electrical Code)".

Subsection (a)(4) of this section is new language added to avoid repetition of the phrase "NFPA 101 (the National Life Safety Code)".