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S.F. No. 524 – State Building Code Applicability and Fire Sprinkler Requirements for Public Places of Accommodation (1st Engrossment)

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Section 1. Definition. Modifies the definition of “place of public accommodation” for purposes of applicability of the State Building Code by lowering the occupancy from 200 or more people to 100 or more people. This reduction will capture smaller venues as a place of public accommodation subject to the State Building Code.

Section 2. Enforcement. Clarifies that the commissioner of labor and industry will enforce the State Building Code in a municipality that has not adopted the code for places of public accommodation effective to coincide with the date the statute was enacted.

Section 3. Fire sprinklers required. Requires automatic fire sprinklers to be installed in a place of public accommodation if it was constructed, added to, or altered after August 1, 2008, and the occupancy of the venue is more than 300 people. A place of public accommodation that has an occupancy load of fewer than 300 people would not be required to install automatic fire sprinklers.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.