

Administrative Rule Analysis



DORMITORY FIRE SAFETY FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES

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Department: Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Agency: Bureau of Fire Services

Enabling Statute: Fire Prevention Code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1 et seq.

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

The National Fire Protection Association publishes the Life Safety Code, which is systematically revised on a triennial basis. Portions of the Life Safety Code are adopted and amended by the Bureau of Fire Services within its rules for Dormitory Fire Safety for Schools, Colleges, and Universities promulgated pursuant to Section 3c of the Fire Prevention Code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.3c. The current rules adopted and amended portions of the 1997 Edition of the Life Safety Code.

2011-003 LR would amend and rescind rules pertaining to minimum fire safety standards for the design, operation, and maintenance of dormitories operated by educational entities in order to update the current rules by adopting and amending portions of the 2012 Edition of the Life Safety Code.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The rules amended and rescinded by 2011-003 LR could have a significant fiscal impact on public universities and comminute colleges. Specifically, public universities and community colleges that operate dormitories would incur likely nominal costs to prepare an emergency plan as required by the rules if one has not already been prepared. Furthermore, universities that operate high-rise dormitories (with floors greater than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department access) that are not already equipped with automatic fire-suppression sprinkler systems (i.e., CMU, EMU, FSU, & OU) would incur costs (estimated at between \$2 and \$4 per square foot) to install such systems within the ten-year timeframe established within the rules. The amended and rescinded rules would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Bureau of Fire Services or local units of government.

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