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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 320.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to entities subject to fire protection regulation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 320.010, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 320.010, to read as follows:

320.010. It shall be the duty of the owner, proprietor, lessee, trustee, or keeper of every hotel, boarding and lodging house, tenement house, schoolhouse, opera house, theater, music hall, factory, office building, except fireproof office buildings in which all structural parts are wholly of brick, stone, tile, concrete, reinforced concrete, iron, steel, or incombustible material, and which are not used for lodging purposes in the state of Missouri, and every building therein where people congregate or which is used for a business place or for public or private assemblages, which has a height of three or more stories, to provide said structure with iron or steel stair or tubular fire escapes attached to the exterior 10 of said building and by staircases located in the interior of said building. The fire escapes shall extend from the upper story to the ground, pavement or sidewalk 11 12 with iron or steel ladder from the upper story to the roof; provided, however, that such fire escapes, if not continued to the ground, pavement or sidewalk, shall be 13 equipped with a counter-balance device attachment, appliance or apparatus which shall extend from the floor level of the second story to the ground, pavement or 15 16 sidewalk. School buildings, opera houses, theaters and church buildings, also hospitals, blind and [lunatic asylums] mental health facilities and seminaries, 17 shall each have a stair or tubular fire escape built solid to the ground. In no case shall a fire escape run past a window where it is practicable to avoid it. All fire SB 648 2

20 escapes required by this chapter, except as herein provided, must be of the kind

21 known as stationary fire escapes. All buildings heretofore erected shall be made

22 to conform to the provisions of this chapter.

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