

CHAPTER 101—S. F. No. 423

An act to regulate the construction, alteration, maintenance, occupancy, use, equipment, and removal of buildings and apartments for dwelling, lodging, hotel, and similar purposes in cities of the first class, amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 460.37, 460.41, and 460.59.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 460.37, is amended to read as follows:

“460.37. Stairs, stair halls, entrance halls, cellar stairs, and closets under first-story stairs. In multiple-dwellings hereafter erected all stairs shall be constructed with a rise of not more than eight inches and with treads not less than ten inches wide and not less than three feet six inches long in the clear, except that multiple-dwellings not exceeding two stories in height or having not more than two families on any floor, may have stairs with treads not less than three feet long in the clear. Winding stairs shall not be used. In multiple-dwellings hereafter erected exceeding two stories in height or occupied by more than *four* families on any floor, one of the stairways shall be constructed of fire-proof material throughout. The risers, strings and balusters shall be of metal, concrete or stone. The treads shall be metal, slate, concrete or stone, or of hard wood not less than one and one-half inches thick. Wooden hand-rails to stairs may be used if constructed of hard wood.

In multiple-dwellings hereafter erected exceeding two stories in height or occupied by more than *four* families on any floor, the fire-proof stairs required by this section shall be enclosed on all sides with walls of *solid masonry* not less than eight inches thick, or *hollow masonry not less than 12 inches thick*. The floors and ceilings of such fire-proof stair halls shall be of fire-proof construction. No wooden flooring shall be used. The doors opening from such stair halls shall be fire-proof, self-closing and shall open outward. There shall be no transom or sash or similar opening from such stair hall to any other part of the dwelling, except that such stair hall shall be shut off from all non-fire-proof portion of the public halls and from all other non-fire-proof parts of the building on each story by a self-closing fire-proof sash door with wire-glass therein; on either side and above such door there may be fixed fire-proof transoms and sash with wire-glass therein.

Every entrance hall in a multiple-dwelling hereafter erected shall be at least five feet six inches wide in the clear, and shall

comply with all the conditions of this section as to the construction of stair halls. In every multiple-dwelling hereafter erected, access shall be had from the street or alley to the rear yard either in a direct line or through a court or side yard.

In multiple-dwellings of class A hereafter erected which exceed two stories in height or which are occupied by more than *four* families on any floor, all inside stairs communicating between the cellar or basement, and the floor next above shall be of fire-proof construction with self-closing fire-proof door at the top or bottom and shall be enclosed with *solid masonry* walls not less than eight inches *thick, or hollow masonry not less than 12 inches thick.*

In multiple-dwellings erected no closet of any kind shall be constructed under any staircase leading from the entrance story to the upper stories, but such space shall be left entirely open and kept clear and free from encumbrance."

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 460.41, is amended to read as follows:

"460.41. **Fire walls and outside stand-pipes.** In a multiple-dwelling hereafter erected where such multiple-dwelling is completely divided into two or more parts by continuous fire walls and where such fire walls extend from the ground to a distance of two feet at all points above the roof of the building, and without any opening therein, each such part may be considered as a separate dwelling for the purpose of fire protection. Wooden dwellings shall not be built contiguous to each other, and no such dwelling shall hereafter approach nearer to another building than provided in section 460.14. In non-fire-proof multiple dwellings hereafter erected, *with all exterior walls of masonry construction each 6,000 superficial feet in ground area and in all wooden dwellings hereafter erected, each 5,000 superficial feet in ground area,* covered by such multiple-dwelling shall be separated from the rest of such multiple-dwelling by fire-proof division walls. Such walls shall extend from the ground to a height of two feet above the roof. Standard fire-proof self-closing doors or fire-proof curtains may be installed in such fire-proof division walls.

Outside pipes shall not be required on buildings not exceeding three stories in height."

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 460.59, is amended to read as follows:

"460.59. **Prohibited uses; storage of materials; dangerous businesses.** No horse, mule, cow, calf, swine, sheep, goat,

chicken, or other fowl shall be kept in any dwelling or part thereof. Nor shall any such animal be kept on the same lot or premises with a dwelling except under such conditions as may be prescribed by the commissioner of health. No such animal except a horse or mule, shall under any circumstances be kept on the same lot or premises with a multiple-dwelling.

No dwelling or the lot or premises thereof shall be used for the storage or handling of rags or junk.

No dwelling, or any part thereof, nor of the lot upon which it is situated shall be used as a place of storage, keeping or handling of any article so that it is dangerous or detrimental to life or health; nor of any combustible article, except under such conditions as may be prescribed by the fire marshal under authority of a written permit issued by him. No multiple-dwelling nor any part thereof, nor of the lot upon which it is situated, shall be used as a place of storage, keeping or handling of feed, hay, straw, excelsior, cotton, paper stock, feathers or rags.

No place of business *where* fat is boiled shall be maintained in any non-fire-proof multiple-dwelling of Class A hereafter erected, and no *such* place of business *where* fat is boiled shall hereafter be installed in any non-fire-proof multiple-dwelling of Class A.

There shall be no transom, window or door opening into a public hall from any portion of a multiple-dwelling where paint, oil, drugs or spirituous liquors are stored or kept for the purpose of sale or otherwise. This provision shall not apply to hotels."

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CHAPTER 102—S. F. No. 536

An act relating to municipal hospitals in certain cities and villages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 447.05, 447.06 and 447.07.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 447.05, is amended to read as follows: