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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5237

AN ACT to amend 1941 PA 207, entitled "An act to provide for the prevention of fires and the protection of persons and property from exposure to the dangers of fire or explosion; to authorize the investigation of fires and the discovery of crime or other offenses in relation thereto; to require the razing, repair, or alteration of buildings, and the clearing and improvement of premises which constitute a fire hazard or a menace to the peace, security, or safety of persons or property; to control the construction, use, and occupancy of those buildings and premises for fire safety purposes; to provide for the certification of fire inspectors and the delegation of certain powers to those certified fire inspectors; to provide for the regulation of the storage and transportation of hazardous material; to provide for the issuance of certificates; to prohibit the use of certain fire extinguishers and fire extinguishing agents; to provide immunity from liability for certain persons; to provide for the administration of this act and prescribe procedure for the enforcement of its provisions; to fix penalties for violation of this act; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for the assessment of fees; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 19 (MCL 29.19).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 19. (1) The chief administrative officer and the teachers of all schools, including state supported schools, colleges, and universities and the owner, or owner's representative, of all school dormitories shall have a fire drill each month and keep all doors and exits unlocked during school hours, and when the school is open to the public. Each teacher in a school, including a state supported school, college, or university and the owner or owner's representative of a dormitory shall comply with these requirements and keep a record of the drills.

(2) A minimum of 8 fire drills is required for each school year. If weather conditions do not permit fire drills to be held at least once a month, then at least 5 fire drills shall be held in the fall of each year and 3 fire drills shall be held during the remaining part of the school year.

(3) A minimum of 2 tornado safety drills is required for each school year at the schools and facilities described in subsection (1). These drills shall be conducted for the purpose of preventing fires and related hazards and injuries caused by severe weather.

(4) The state fire marshal or the chief of the fire department or a fire fighter in uniform acting under orders and directions of the fire chief may cause fire drills to be held in school houses, school dormitories, and other public buildings as the state fire marshal considers advisable. The state fire marshal may order the installation of other protective apparatus or equipment that conforms to recognized and approved modern practices.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved -----

Governor.