

1 AN ACT in relation to public safety.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Emergency Evacuation Plan for People with Disabilities Act.

6 Section 5. Scope of the Act. This Act does not apply
7 within a municipality with a population of over 1,000,000
8 that, before the effective date of this Act, has adopted an
9 ordinance establishing emergency procedures for high rise
10 buildings.

11 Section 10. Emergency evacuation plan for persons with
12 disabilities required. By January 1, 2004, every high rise
13 building owner must establish and maintain an emergency
14 evacuation plan for disabled occupants of the building who
15 have notified the owner of their need for assistance. As used
16 in this Act, "high rise building" means any building 80 feet
17 or more in height. The owner is responsible for maintaining
18 and updating the plan as necessary to ensure that the plan
19 continues to comply with the provisions of this Act.

20 Section 15. Plan requirements.

21 (a) Each plan must establish procedures for evacuating
22 persons with disabilities from the building in the event of
23 an emergency, when those persons have notified the owner of
24 their need for assistance.

25 (b) Each plan must provide for a list to be maintained
26 of persons who have notified the owner that they are disabled
27 and would require special assistance in the event of an
28 emergency. The list must include the unit, office, or room
29 number location that the disabled person occupies in the

1 building. It is the intent of this Act that these lists must
2 be maintained for the sole purpose of emergency evacuation.
3 The lists may not be used or disseminated for any other
4 purpose.

5 (c) The plan must provide for a means to notify
6 occupants of the building that a list identifying persons
7 with a disability in need of emergency evacuation assistance
8 is maintained by the owner, and the method by which occupants
9 can place their name on the list.

10 (d) In hotels and motels, each plan must provide an
11 opportunity for a guest to identify himself or herself as a
12 person with a disability in need of emergency evacuation
13 assistance.

14 (e) The plan must identify the location and type of any
15 evacuation assistance devices or assistive technologies that
16 are available in the building.

17 If the plan provides for areas of rescue assistance, the
18 plan must provide that these areas are to be identified by
19 signs that state "Area of Rescue Assistance" and display the
20 international symbol of accessibility. Lettering must be
21 permanent and must comply with Americans with Disabilities
22 Act Accessibility Guidelines.

23 (f) Each plan must include recommended procedures to be
24 followed by building employees, tenants, or guests to assist
25 persons with disabilities in need of emergency evacuation
26 assistance.

27 (g) A copy of the plan must be maintained at all times
28 in a place that is easily accessible by law enforcement or
29 fire safety personnel, such as in the management office of
30 the high rise building, at the security desk, or in the
31 vicinity of the fireman's elevator recall key, the life
32 safety panel, or the fire pump room.

33 Section 20. Implementation.

1 (a) The plan must be made available to local law
2 enforcement and fire safety personnel upon request.

3 (b) The plan must provide the names of and contact
4 information regarding any building personnel to be contacted
5 by law enforcement or fire safety personnel in the event of
6 an emergency requiring implementation of the plan.

7 (c) The plan must provide for dissemination or
8 availability of the appropriate evacuation procedures
9 portions of the plan to building employees, tenants, or
10 guests.

11 (d) The plan must identify the roles and
12 responsibilities of building personnel in carrying out the
13 evacuation plan. The plan must provide for appropriate
14 training for building personnel regarding their roles and
15 responsibilities.

16 (e) The plan must provide for drills regarding
17 evacuation procedures not less than once per year. A written
18 record of the date of the drill must be kept with the
19 evacuation plan.

20 Section 25. Penalty. Failure to comply with any Section
21 of this Act is a petty offense punishable by a fine of \$500.

22 Section 905. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
23 Section 8.26 as follows:

24 (30 ILCS 805/8.26 new)

25 Sec. 8.26. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
26 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
27 for the implementation of any mandate created by this
28 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly.

29 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
30 becoming law.