

ACT 179

S.B. NO. 682

A Bill for an Act Relating to Fire Protection.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 132-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

~~“§132-9 Submission of building plans for approval. [Before work commences upon the construction of any building of the types hereinafter enumerated, or upon an alteration or addition to any building, the plans and specifications for the work shall be submitted to the county fire chief. Neither the person causing the construction, alteration, or addition to be made, nor the person’s architect or agent, shall authorize, order, or permit the work thereon to start and no contractor, builder, or other person may start the work, before approval of the plans and specifications by the county fire chief.~~

~~The foregoing provisions shall be applicable to buildings, the whole or any part of which are being, or intended to be, used as:~~

- ~~(1) Hospitals, sanitariums, asylums, children’s nurseries, and other such institutions;~~
- ~~(2) Hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses, and tenement houses; provided that when any such building to be constructed or upon which alterations or additions are to be made, is only one story high, with living accommodations permanently designated and intended for less than twenty five persons, this section shall not apply;~~
- ~~(3) Schools, churches, auditoriums, halls, gymnasiums, dance halls, nightclubs, factories, office buildings, stores, and all other such buildings where persons work, congregate, or assemble; provided that when any such building to be constructed, or upon which alterations or additions are to be made, is only one story high, and is permanently designated and intended for a total accommodation at any one time of less than one hundred persons, this section shall not apply.]~~

The county fire chief shall be authorized by each respective county to require plans or documentation, or both, to show compliance with the county’s adopted fire code for the following:

- (1) Construction, alteration, rehabilitation, or addition to any building, structure, or facility;
- (2) Changes in the use of a building or structure, or a change in occupancy; and
- (3) Installation or alteration of any procedures, equipment, property, or structure for any life safety or fire protection systems.

No work shall commence without the necessary permits issued by the jurisdiction having authority.

This section shall be applicable to the State and the counties, and other municipal subdivisions, and their officers, as well as to private persons.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

(Approved June 25, 2013.)