



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4997

Introduced 2/8/2024, by Rep. David Friess

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2905/5 new

Amends the State Fire Marshal Act. Requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to adopt amendments to its permanently moored craft fire prevention and safety rules to provide for waivers, conditional waivers, limits to inspection and examination requirements, and reductions in the frequency of inspections and examinations for deck barges used as permanently moored craft in water that is no deeper than half of the barge's hull depth. Describes criteria that may be considered by the Office when amending its rules. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Fire Marshal Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2905/5 new)

7 Sec. 5. Amendments to permanently moored craft fire
8 prevention and safety rules. Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of law, within one year after the effective date of
10 this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, the Office
11 shall adopt amendments to the permanently moored craft fire
12 prevention and safety rules codified at 41 Ill. Adm. Code Part
13 149 in order to provide for waivers, conditional waivers,
14 limits to inspection and examination requirements, and
15 reductions in the frequency of inspections and examinations
16 for deck barges used as permanently moored craft in water that
17 is no deeper than half of the barge's hull depth.

18 The amendments adopted by the Office under subsection (a) may
19 provide waivers, limits on inspection and examination
20 requirements, and reductions in the frequency of inspections
21 and examination on the basis of the location, age, condition,
22 size, history, purpose, and occupancy of the deck barge and
23 other factors deemed by the Office as appropriate to consider

1 while ensuring the safe condition of the permanently moored
2 craft and its occupants.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.