

1 AN ACT concerning 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 Rooftop Safety for First Responders Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Court" means an open space on a lot, other than a yard or
8 portion of a yard, that is unobstructed from its lowest level
9 to the sky and bounded, in whole or part, by abutting property
10 lines, exterior building walls or other enclosing devices.

11 "Low-sloped roof" mean roof with a slope of less than 2
12 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (17% slope).

13 "Parapet" means a barrier that extends upward from the
14 edge of a structure, such as a roof, balcony, walkway, or
15 terrace.

16 "Shaft" means a continuous vertical space substantially
17 enclosed on all sides that extends for 2 or more floors,
18 including, but not limited to, an elevator shaft, a
19 ventilation shaft, a stairwell, or a service shaft.

20 Section 10. Low-sloped roof edges and openings. All
21 existing buildings, new construction, new roofs, roof
22 replacements, and renovation projects that increase the area

1 of a home or business by more than 50% are subject to the
2 following requirements:

3 (1) The edges of a low-sloped roof that adjoin a shaft
4 or a court that is enclosed on all sides shall be provided
5 with a parapet, extended masonry, or guard, or any
6 combination thereof that meets the requirements of Section
7 1015 of the International Building Code.

8 (2) All skylights and other openings located in the
9 plane of a low-sloped roof that are not otherwise required
10 to remain open and unobstructed by law shall be either:

11 (A) glazed with wired glass, plain glass, glass
12 block, or polycarbonate plastic that is designed and
13 constructed to withstand a minimum dynamic load test
14 of no less than 400 pounds; or

15 (B) provided with a parapet, extended masonry, or
16 guard, or any combination thereof, that meets the
17 requirements of Section 1015 of the International
18 Building Code.

19 Section 15. Survey.

20 (a) No later than January 1, 2027, and every 2 years
21 thereafter, each municipality shall complete a survey of
22 buildings in its jurisdiction that have skylights and other
23 openings located in the plane of a low-sloped roof.

24 (b) The results of the survey shall be reported in a
25 building inventory that shall be shared with local police

1 departments and local fire departments.

2 (c) In counties with a population greater than 1,000,000,
3 the results of the survey shall be shared with local police
4 departments and local fire departments and shall be stored in
5 all computer-aided dispatch systems.