



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**  
**SB2147**

Introduced 1/14/2004, by Ira I. Silverstein

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

425 ILCS 55/1.5 new

Amends the Public Building Egress Act. Provides that every stairwell door on every fifth floor of any public building having a height in excess of 80 feet shall remain unlocked at all times. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers.

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HOME RULE NOTE  
ACT MAY APPLY

**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning fire safety.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Building Egress Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 1.5 as follows:

6 (425 ILCS 55/1.5 new)

7 Sec. 1.5. Stairwell door access.

8 (a) Every fifth floor stairwell door of any public building  
9 of four or more stories having a height in excess of 80 feet  
10 from grade shall remain unlocked at all times.

11 (b) A home rule unit may not regulate stairwell door access  
12 in a manner less restrictive than the regulation by the State  
13 of stairwell door access under this Act. This Section is a  
14 limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of  
15 the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent exercise by home  
16 rule units of powers and functions exercised by the State.