

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1997

SESSION LAW 1998-85  
HOUSE BILL 1595

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TO ADOPT  
ORDINANCES REQUIRING SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN CERTAIN  
BUILDINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of the North Carolina State Building Code or any general or local law to the contrary, including Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, a city may require, by ordinance, the installation of sprinkler systems in the following types of buildings that are constructed within the city or the city's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction after the effective date of any ordinance adopted by the city: (i) buildings in excess of 50 feet in height, (ii) nonresidential buildings regardless of height, and (iii) residential buildings that have three or more dwelling units regardless of height. The installation of sprinkler systems shall be completed within a reasonable period of time, which shall be provided in any ordinances adopted by the city.

Section 2. This act applies to the Town of Wrightsville Beach only.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of August, 1998.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives