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S 854 GENERAL BILL by Grizzle (Identical H 1473)

Public Lodging/Showerhead Devices: repeals provision re water & energy regulation requiring certain public lodging establishments & time-share units of time-share plan to be equipped with certain showerhead devices. Repeals 509.216. Effective Date: 05/24/89.

03/31/89 SENATE Prefiled
04/14/89 SENATE Introduced, referred to Regulated Industries -SJ 131
04/17/89 SENATE On Committee agenda—Regulated Industries, 04/19/89, 1:00 pm, Room-H-(428)
04/19/89 SENATE Comm. Report: Favorable by Regulated Industries, placed on Calendar —SJ 199
04/27/89 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar —SJ 210; Passed; YEAS 38 NAYS 0 —SJ 235
05/02/89 HOUSE In Messages
05/03/89 HOUSE Received, placed on Calendar —HJ 341; Substituted for HB 1473 —HJ 361; Read second time —HJ 361
05/09/89 HOUSE Read third time; Passed; YEAS 113 NAYS 0 —HJ 422
05/10/89 Ordered enrolled —SJ 297
05/16/89 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor —SJ 378
05/24/89 Became Law without Governor's Signature; Chapter No. 89-23 —SJ 479

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I. SUMMARY:

Section 509.216, F.S., created in 1986 to require the use of shower heads in public lodging and time-share units (inns) to meet certain energy-efficient requirements is repealed.

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

Public lodging establishments as defined in Ch. 509, F.S., and time share facilities as defined in Ch. 718 and 721, F.S., constructed after July 1, 1986, are required to provide shower heads with a built-in flow control valve, spraying no more than 3.5 gallons of water per minute with a line pressure of 82 psi.

Shower heads are required to be inspected and certified prior to installation by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The Department of Agriculture Division of Consumer Services purchased and tested shower heads in 1986. Further, in response to requests from manufacturers, additional shower heads were tested in 1987. Results forwarded to the Division of Hotels and Restaurants, the Division responsible for the inspection of public lodging facilities, stated "each model met the requirements..."

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 509.216, F.S., is repealed. Inspection of shower heads by the Department of Agriculture prior to installation in inns to see if they meet specific energy-saving requirements is no longer required.
II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE AGENCIES/STATE FUNDS:
   1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:
      None
   2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:
      None
   3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:
      Not applicable
   4. Appropriations Consequences:
      None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A WHOLE:
   1. Non-recurring or First Year Start-Up Effects:
      None
   2. Recurring or Annualized Continuation Effects:
      None
   3. Long Run Effects Other Than Normal Growth:
      Not applicable

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:
   1. Direct Private Sector Costs:
      None
   2. Direct Private Sector Benefits:
      Inns will no longer have to comply with this law.
   3. Effects on Competition, Private Enterprise, and Employment Markets:
      Negligible

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:
   None
III. LONG RANGE CONSEQUENCES:

The State Comprehensive Plan does not address this subject.

IV. COMMENTS:

Social awareness of the environment and the need for energy-efficient products has made the use of this type shower head acceptable to the public and an economy measure for the inns.

Inns will probably continue to use these energy-saving products for economical reasons as well as complying with the wishes of a large portion of society.

The bill does not pertain to subjects contained in the Issues Conference Policy Statement or the Committee Mission Statement.

Legislative History 1989 Session

A. Enacted Bill

Senate Bill 854 was introduced April 14, 1989, and referred to Regulated Industries (SJ 00131). The bill was voted favorably out of committee on April 19 and placed on the Calendar (SJ 0199). April 27 SB 854 was placed on the Special Order Calendar and passed the Senate 38-0 (SJ 0235). The House received SB 854 May 3 and placed it on the Calendar, substituting it for HB 1473 (HJ 0361). May 4 SB 854 passed the House 113-0 (HJ 0422) and became law without the Governor's signature May 24, 1989 (HJ 00479).

B. Disposition of Companion Bill

House Bill 1473 was introduced April 4, 1989, and referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries and Appropriations (HB 00140); and subreferred to the Subcommittee on Hospitality Industry Regulation. After receiving a favorable vote in Subcommittee the Regulated Industries Full Committee passed the bill April 17 (HJ 00249). The bill went to Appropriations, was withdrawn (HJ 00285), and placed on the Calendar April 27. The bill was placed on Special Order May 2, and then laid on the table, substituting SB 854 in lieu thereof (HJ 00361).

V. SIGNATURES:

SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEE:
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I. SUMMARY:

A. Present Situation:

Section 509.216, Florida Statutes provides that public lodging facilities as defined in Chapter 509, F.S., and time share facilities as defined in Chapters 718 and 721, F.S., constructed after July 1, 1986 are required to be equipped with a showerhead spraying no more than 3.5 gallons per minute with a line pressure of 82 psi and containing a built-in flow control valve. Showerheads are to be inspected and certified prior to installation by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Results of tests performed on showerheads by the Commodity Testing Laboratory in 1986 and 1987 showed "each model (tested) met the requirements..." The tests were performed in response to requests by showerhead manufacturers. No testing has been done since 1987 and it appears that awareness of energy-saving devices and the economy have made this type product more the accepted norm in the construction industry than the exception.

B. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill would repeal section 509.216, Florida Statutes.

II. ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FISCAL NOTE:

A. Public:

None.

B. Government:

None.

III. COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS:

None.