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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1215

House Judiciary Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-3-03

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Minutes: 12 members present, 1 member absent (Rep. Bernstein)

Rep. Mark Dosch: Support (see attached testimony).

Rep. Grande: Isn't this already a law.

Rep. Dosch: No, no consequences exist.

Rep. Eckre: Used to have consequences in college dorms.

Rep. Dosch: We wanted a deterrent and couldn't find anything, and LC couldn't find anything

either.

Rep. Klemin: Sec. 2, line 14, fire suppression equipment, does this include sprinklers. If you

hold lighter up to sprinkler, will they all go off?

Rep. Dosch: That one sprinkler will go off. If just pull alarm, no law, and this is serious.

Rep. Galvin: Can the sprinkler be set off accidentally?

Rep. Dosch: Yes, even dust can accumulate and set one off. We spray them off every so often.

Rep. Wrangham: On line 15, or other place of abode, does this mean private residence.

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Rep. Dosch: LC came up with the language, so don't know.

Rep. Delmore: Maybe they mean the bed and breakfast, that would be included as a private residence?

Rep. Dosch: Could be.

Rep. Klemin: What's the rationale for the minimum fine.

Rep. Dosch: To act as a deterrent.

Rep. Boehning: When fire department responds to a call, is there a charge for that.

Rep. Dosch: If your business is directly connected to the fire department, there is a \$25 fine for coming out and it is a false alarm.

Chairman DeKrey: Children are different than in the past.

Rep. Dosch: Parent are different now than in the past.

Rep. Maragos: I agree with Rep. Dosch, \$500 fine is good.

Chairman DeKrey: If student a few years ago did something wrong, they knew when they did something wrong. Now, they don't know they did something wrong, and when explained to them they had, they couldn't understand why they had to be punished.

Rep. Wrangham: We've being asked more and more to send messages with legislation to improve behavior, to pass more stringent laws to send messages. Those laws are ignored, because they don't want to get the troublemaker in that much trouble, so they don't file charges. Education and sportsmanship are what kids need to learn in sports.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you. Any further testimony in support? Any further testimony in opposition? We will close the hearing.

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Minutes: 12 members present, 1 member absent (Rep. Bernstein)

Chairman DeKrey: What are the committee's wishes in regard to HB 1215.

Rep. Grande: I move to amend HB 1215 to add an emergency clause.

Rep. Boehning: Seconded.

Voice vote: Carries.

Rep. Kretschmar: I move to amend lines 17 & 18, delete with a minimum fine of five hundred

dollars.

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Rep. Klemin: Seconded.

Voice vote: 11 yes, 1 no.

Rep. Maragos: I move a Do Pass as amended.

Rep. Delmore: Seconded.

12 YES ONO 1 ABSENT DO PASS AS AMENDED CARRIER: Rep. Galvin

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Adopted by the Judiciary Committee February 3, 2003

HOUSE

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1215

Page 1, line 3, remove "and" and after "penalty" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, line 17, remove "with a minimum fine of five"

Page 1, line 18, remove "hundred dollars" and after the period insert:

"SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

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Date: 2/3/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1215

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Action Taken	Do	Pas	as Amended		
Legislative Council Amendment Action Taken Motion Made By Rep. N	laragos	Se	econded By Rep. Del	more	
Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman DeKrey	V		Rep. Delmore		
Vice Chairman Maragos	V		Rep. Eckre		
Rep. Bernstein	AB		Rep. Onstad	/	
Rep. Boehning	V				
Rep. Galvin	V				
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Rep. Wrangham					
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) February 4, 2003 5:13 p.m.

Module No: HR-21-1662 Carrier: Galvin Insert LC: 30277.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1215: Judiciary Committee (Rep. DeKrey, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1215 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, remove "and" and after "penalty" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1215

Senate Judiciary Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 03/17/03

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Minutes: Senator John T. Traynor, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all committee members present. Sen. Traynor requested meeting starts with testimony on the bill:

Testimony in Support of HB 1215

Rep. Mark Dosch - Dist. 32 - Introduced Bill (meter 27) Read Testimony - Attachment #1. Sited example of a hotel prank by High School kids in taking off the emergency drain valve on hotel sprinkler. This flooded the parking lot. Not only was there the expense of the fire department and repair but the liability of a flooded, ice filled parking, lot in the 10 degree weather with all the guests having to exit the building.

Sen. Trenbeath discussed do to age of the kids this bill will only leave to a juvenile referral, if anything. They can not be convicted to a crime.

Rep Dosch stated that sometimes some of the kids are above 18 years of age.

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Page 2 Senate Judiciary Committee Bill/Resolution Number HB 1215 Hearing Date 03/17/03

Sen. Nelson questioned if other places would include dorm rooms. Yes, this is standard

language.

Discussed the "emergency clause". In the original bill it was a \$500 fine, House took it off

keeping it a class B misdemeanor, leaving the penalty discretionary to the judge.

Discussed dangerous pranks some had witnessed by mid-adolescence's.

Testimony in Opposition of HB 1215

None

Testimony Neutral to HB 1215

None

Motion Made to DO PASS HB 1215 Sen. Dever and seconded by Sen. Nelson

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent

Motion Passed

Floor Assignment: Sen. Dever

Senator John T. Traynor, Chairman closed the hearing

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Date: March 17, 2003 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1215

	Motion Made By Sen	n. Dever		Se	conded By Sen. Nelson		
	Senators		Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
	Sen. John T. Traynor -	Chairman	X		Sen. Dennis Bercier	A	A
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) March 17, 2003 12:39 p.m.

Module No: SR-47-4910 Carrier: Dever Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1215, as engrossed: Judiciary Committee (Sen. Traynor, Chairman) recommends DO

PASS (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1215 was
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HOUSE BILL 1215 February 3, 2003

Chairman Duane DeKrey, distinguished member of the Judiciary committee, My name is Mark Dosch, Representative from District 32 south Bismarck.

This bill deals with those people who falsely set off fire alarms or fire suppression equipment as a joke. A dangerous joke that could some day cost a life.

With the school sports season now in full swing, the hotel industry braces for an onset of kids. And with that the pranksters who think it is funny to set off fire alarms. Being in the hotel business, I am amazed at the lack of attention given when a fire alarm is sounded. Another false alarm is readily assumed. We have all heard of the story of the boy who called wolf. In the hotel business, the same scenario can be made with false fire alarms. Valuable minutes can be lost, when immediate action is not taken.

This is why, it is so very important that the consequences of falsely setting off fire alarms, or in essence "crying wolf" must be put in place. This bill would also allow owners to post the consequences of a false alarm, and thus hopeful act as a deterrent.

I come before you today to ask your support of HB 1215. Your support of this bill, I believe will someday save a life, a life that might even be yours.

Thank you. This concludes my testimoney. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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March 17, 2003

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