

be made for the purpose of using it, or continuing its use, in whole or in part, as a public building, or as a factory, workshop or mercantile or other establishment, and to have accommodations for ten or more employees, or as a hospital, sanatorium, convalescent or nursing home, grandstand, stadium, bleacher or arena, and no building more than two stories in height designed to be used above the second story, or in which alteration shall be made for the purpose of using it, or continuing its use, in whole or in part, as an office building, dormitory, hotel, family hotel, apartment house, boarding house, lodging house or tenement house, and to have eight or more rooms above said story, shall be erected, and no alteration shall be made therein, until a copy of the plans and specifications thereof has been deposited with a supervisor of plans by the person causing its erection or alteration or by the architect thereof. Such plans and specifications shall include those for heating, ventilation and sanitation, if a supervisor of plans so requires. Such building shall not be so erected or altered without sufficient egresses and other means of escape from fire, properly located and constructed. A supervisor of plans may require that stairways shall be enclosed, that they shall have suitable landings, that they shall be provided with hand rails, that egress doors and windows shall open outward and have approved hardware, that places of egress shall be properly lighted and designated, and that proper fire stops shall be provided in the floors, walls, partitions and stairways of such building. He may make such further requirements as may be necessary to prevent the spread of fire or its communication from any steam boiler or heating apparatus therein. The certificate of approval by a supervisor of plans of such plans and specifications, endorsed with the approval of the chief of inspections of the department, or a specification of requirements necessary for compliance with sections fifteen to sixty, inclusive, set forth in detail and so endorsed, shall be issued to the person causing its erection or alteration, or to the architect thereof, and a copy of the same, together with the plans, shall then be turned over to the inspector in whose district the building is to be erected or altered, who shall enforce the requirements thereof and supervise such erection or alteration. After a certificate of approval or a specification of requirement has been issued, no change shall be made in the plans or specification or in the building without the written permission of a supervisor of plans.

of plans in connection with construction of certain buildings.

Approved July 13, 1949.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CARE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF REVOLVING DOORS IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS.

Chap. 540

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 21C, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 439 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 143, § 21C, etc., amended.

Care, operation, etc., of revolving doors in certain buildings.

place thereof the following section: — *Section 21C*. Revolving doors may be used in buildings subject to the provisions of sections fifteen, twenty-one or twenty-eight, but, except as provided in section twenty-one B, shall not be used as an exit or means of egress from a place of assembly; and the owner, lessee or mortgagee in possession of any such building in which a revolving door is under his control shall be responsible for its care, operation and maintenance after such door is placed in operation, and said owner, lessee or mortgagee in possession shall maintain all parts of such installation in proper working order.

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Chap. 541 AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CORRECTIVE CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATING TO THE ERECTION, ALTERATION AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 143, § 6, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as amended by section 4 of chapter 363 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 13 and 14, the words “agent or any person having an interest therein” and inserting in place thereof the words: — lessee or mortgagee in possession, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 6*. In a city or town wherein there is in force a building code, so called, established under authority of section three or corresponding provisions of earlier law or established by or under authority of any other provision of law the superintendent of public buildings or such other person as the mayor of such city or the selectmen of such town may designate shall be inspector of buildings, and, immediately upon being informed by report or otherwise that a building or other structure or anything attached to or connected therewith in that city or town is dangerous to life or limb, shall inspect the same; and if it appears to him to be dangerous he shall forthwith in writing notify the owner, lessee or mortgagee in possession to remove it or make it safe. If it appears that such structure would be specially unsafe in case of fire, it shall be deemed dangerous within the meaning hereof, and the inspector of buildings may affix in a conspicuous place upon its exterior walls a notice of its dangerous condition, which shall not be removed or defaced without authority from him.

Inspector of buildings, duties, etc.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 143, § 8, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Section 8 of said chapter 143, as amended by section 1 of chapter 697 of the acts of 1945, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “agent or person interested in” and inserting in place thereof the words: — lessee or mortgagee in possession of, — and by striking out, in lines 17 and 18, the words “agent or interested person” and inserting in place thereof the words: — lessee or mortgagee in possession, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 8*. If an owner, lessee or mortgagee in possession of such unsafe structure refuses or neglects to comply with

Proceedings on failure to remove or repair.