



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE BUILDING CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

CODE INFORMATION

Proposed change to: Building Code Fire Safety Code

Code section(s): _____

PROPONENT INFORMATION

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PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Description of change and reason for change (attach additional information as needed):

Proposed text change, addition or deletion (attach additional information as needed):

Supporting data and documents (attach additional information as needed)

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Versteeg Associates, LLC - Code Change Justification

Re: Section 1028.2 Exit Discharge

The 1028.2 Exception 1 - Item 1.1 of the IBC and IFC require discharge from interior exit stairways be provided with a free and unobstructed path of travel to an exterior exit door and such exit is readily *visible and identifiable from the point of termination of the enclosure*.

Section 1028.2 Exception 1 – Item 1.1 was changed to the current wording in the 2009 IBC and IFC by ICC Code Change Proposal E140–07/08 in which the proponent’s only technical substantiation for the change was, “This revision clarifies that the exit door to the exterior of the building must be visible upon egress from the exit enclosure *which is how this section is being interpreted in most jurisdictions today*” emphasis added. This clearly indicates that the Code change was necessary to reflect the personal preference of Code Officials versus the actual Code text.

The wording of 1028.2 Exception 1 Item 1.1 requires the interior discharge point of any interior exit stair or exit passageway be located so than an occupant must see an exterior exit door at the point the occupant leaves the stair. This specifically prohibits exit stairs from discharging into interior lobbies or corridors where all prior I-Codes and NFPA 101 permit directing the occupant to the exterior with exit signage.

Following is the proposed change.

1028.2 Exit discharge.

Exits shall discharge directly to the exterior of the building. The exit discharge shall be at grade or shall provide a direct path of egress travel to grade. The exit discharge shall not reenter a building. The combined use of Exceptions 1 and 2 shall not exceed 50 percent of the number and minimum width or required capacity of the required exits.

Exceptions:

1. Not more than 50 percent of the number and minimum width or required capacity of interior exit stairways and ramps is permitted to egress through areas, including atriums, on the level of discharge provided that all of the following conditions are met:
 - 1.1. Discharge of interior exit stairways and ramps shall be provided with a free and unobstructed path of travel to an exterior exit door and such exit is readily ~~visible and identifiable~~ **apparent or shall be identifiable by exit signage** from the point of termination of the enclosure.
 - 1.2. no change
 - 1.3. no change
 - 1.4. no change