

CHAPTER 186

AN ACT concerning emergency operations plans in senior occupied buildings, and amending P.L.2001, c.80.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 1 of P.L.2001, c.80 (C.52:27D-224.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:27D-224.1 Evacuation, emergency building operations plan for certain multiple dwellings, filing with municipality.

1. a. An owner of a multiple dwelling, as defined under section 3 of P.L.1967, c.76 (C.55:13A-3), which is comprised of more than 20 dwelling units and reserves occupancy for residents who have attained the minimum age of 55, shall annually prepare and maintain an emergency building evacuation plan for the multiple dwelling, in coordination with the appropriate local fire and emergency response agencies. A copy of the plan shall be filed with the municipal emergency management coordinator.

If the health, safety or welfare of any resident of such a multiple dwelling cannot be maintained during the disruption of essential services as defined pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2003, c.53 (C.52:27D-224.2), the emergency evacuation plan shall provide for individualized evacuation of such a resident.

b. An owner of such a multiple dwelling, shall annually prepare and maintain an emergency building operations plan for the multiple dwelling, in coordination with the municipal emergency management coordinator, to prepare for any possible loss of essential services, such as adequate heat, water, hot water, electricity, gas, or telephone service, and any other substantial disruption to daily living that could result during an emergency. A copy of the plan shall be filed with the municipal emergency management coordinator, and with any public utility, as defined in R.S.48:2-13, providing service to the multiple dwelling.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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