

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 773
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/30/03
Senate State Government, Local Government, and Veterans' Affairs Committee
Substitute Adopted 6/11/03**

Short Title: Chapel Hill Sprinklers.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL TO REQUIRE SPRINKLERS
2 IN BARS, CLUBS, AND OTHER SIMILAR PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any provision of the State Building Code or
6 any public or local law to the contrary, including, but not limited to, Chapter 143 of the
7 General Statutes, a town may require by ordinance the installation of sprinkler systems
8 in public assembly occupancies licensed to serve alcoholic beverages, other than
9 restaurants as defined in G.S. 18B-1000(6), as follows:

10 (a) Prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy:

11 (1) Any new occupancy to be established with a rated occupancy load
12 exceeding 200 persons and serving alcohol under a North Carolina
13 ABC classification of private club or retail on-site consumption of
14 mixed drink or malt beverage; or

15 (2) Any new occupancy to be established with a rated occupancy load
16 exceeding 100 persons and serving alcohol under a North Carolina
17 ABC classification of private club or retail on-site consumption of
18 mixed drink or malt beverage and that has any of its required egress
19 points one storey or more above or below grade.

20 (b) Within five years of the enactment of the requiring ordinance:

21 (1) Any existing occupancy with a rated occupancy load exceeding 200
22 persons and serving alcohol under a North Carolina ABC classification
23 of private club or retail on-site consumption of mixed drink or malt
24 beverage; or

25 (2) Any existing occupancy with a rated occupancy load exceeding 150
26 persons and serving alcohol under a North Carolina ABC classification
27 of private club or retail on-site consumption of mixed drink or malt

1 beverage and that has any of its required egress points one storey or
2 more above or below grade.

3 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the Town of Chapel Hill only.

4 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.