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Minutes 2.7.1. TG-Fire Alarm and Systems, 2005-2 and 2005-3 TG-Residential Care Facilities, 4.6. Standing Committee on FP, 5.6. Standing Committee on Use and Egress and 5.6. Standing Committee on HSB		Procès-verbaux

EXISTING PROVISION

None.

PROPOSED CHANGE as submitted for Public Review in 2008

Add new Appendix Note A-1.3.3.3.(1)(a) to Division A as follows:

Other Code Provisions Affected: None

A-1.3.3.3.(1)(a) Application of Part 9 to Smaller Care Occupancies

The smaller care occupancies described in Clauses 1.3.3.2.(1)(d) and 1.3.3.3.(1)(a) are facilities that are operated in a manner that is essentially the same as a single home: the facility contains a single residential suite and the occupants live as a single housekeeping unit. As such, the building is essentially a dwelling unit.

The care or custodial professionals who work in these smaller care homes may be permanent residents or may work in the home on a rotating schedule or on an as-needed basis. In the case of a children's custodial home, such as a halfway house, at least one professional lives in the home at all times.

PROPOSED CHANGE as revised and re-submitted for Public Review in 2009

Add new Appendix Note A-1.3.3.3.(1)(a) to Division A as follows:

Other Code Provisions Affected: None

A-1.3.3.3.(1)(a) Application of Part 9 to Smaller Care Occupancies

The smaller care occupancies described in ~~Clauses 1.3.3.2.(1)(d) and~~ Clause 1.3.3.3.(1)(a) are facilities that are operated in a manner that is essentially the same as a single home with the additional requirements that apply to Group B, Division 3 occupancies: the facility contains a single ~~residential~~ suite and the occupants live as a single housekeeping unit. As such, the building is essentially a dwelling unit of care occupancy. For the purpose of applying residential care provisions to Part 9 buildings, the reference to "10 persons" includes staff and residents.

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RATIONALE

Problem

General Background

The provinces and territories, through the Provincial-Territorial Policy Advisory Committee on Codes, identified a number of priority tasks that they wished to have addressed in the 2005-2010 code development cycle. One of these was to review and update as needed the code requirements that apply to residential care facilities. Problems with regulating residential care facilities have been recognized for many years. The issue is becoming even more urgent because of demographic changes and the diverging efforts by provinces and territories to find a solution. Work was undertaken to

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begin to coordinate the national codes and the regulatory needs of the provinces and territories. This proposed change is one of a series that was developed to address the issue.

Technical

Various provisions in the Code refer to convalescent and custodial homes. Questions arise, however, as to what is meant by the smaller convalescent and children's custodial homes described in the proposed Division A Sentences 1.3.3.2.(2) and Clause 1.3.3.2.(1)(a), in Division B Sentence 3.1.2.5.(1) and proposed Sentence 9.1.1.1.(2), and other Division B, Part 9 provisions.

Justification - Explanation

The Task Group determined it was appropriate to develop a new Group B Div 3 classification. The approach taken was to review the provisions throughout the NBC and NFC related to Groups B-2, B-1 and C and modify, as they deemed appropriate based on the inherent risk to reflect the newly introduced B-3. During this process the TG also considered what other jurisdictions had developed related to care occupancies.

The proposed new Appendix note describes smaller convalescent homes and children's custodial homes that can be classified as residential occupancies.

Cost implications

None. Explanatory information only. It is not possible to identify definitive cost implications of the changes proposed to recognize the new B3, care, occupancy. Cost implications, whether increases or decreases, will depend on how individual authorities having jurisdiction are currently applying the Code's requirements to these occupancies.

Where compliance with B2 provisions is currently being required, application of proposed B3 provisions are intended, on the whole, to reduce cost. In the cases where compliance with Group C is currently being required, applying the Group B Div 3 care occupancy may increase cost.

Enforcement implications

Clarifies the application of the Code requirements for certain smaller convalescent homes and children's custodial homes and therefore facilitates proper interpretation and enforcement of the requirements.

Who is affected

Building code officials, designers and owners of small convalescent homes and children's custodial homes.

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