

SENATE CHAMBER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

☐ FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

☐ COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 312, by substituting the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

Senator Simpson

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☐ Untimely

☐ Amendment Cycle Extended

☐ Secondary Amendment

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 312

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Ownbey of the House

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

[building codes - church accommodations - ~~effective~~
~~date~~ -
emergency]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 378, O.S.L.
2016 (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 317.2), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 317.2. A. The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code or any
building code adopted by any political subdivision of this state, or
any rules or regulations promulgated thereto, may permit the
authority having jurisdiction to allow a church that is occupancy-
rated an A3 building pursuant to any codes adopted by the Oklahoma
Uniform Building Code Commission to utilize its building space for
temporary overnight visitors for the purpose of religious retreats,

1 ministry programs, overnight or lock-in events, emergency or
2 catastrophic occurrences, to shelter transient persons or to
3 accommodate displaced persons due to hardship or inclement weather.
4 Such building use shall not constitute a change in code occupancy
5 rating, purposes or activities. Provided, any temporary overnight
6 visitor space utilized by a church within its existing buildings as
7 authorized by this section shall be authorized only for a limited
8 duration, unless the Governor has declared a state of emergency or
9 exigent circumstances exist. The church acting pursuant to the
10 provisions of this section shall not charge for its accommodations
11 nor be deemed a bed and breakfast, hotel or motel for any code
12 occupancy rating purposes.

13 B. Churches which temporarily accommodate overnight visitors as
14 provided in this section shall have one of the following:

15 1. An automatic sprinkler system in the area of overnight
16 accommodations that is monitored by a third party; ~~or~~

17 2. A hard-wired stand-alone fire and smoke alarm in the area of
18 overnight accommodations in addition to an exit door opening
19 directly to a public way, exit court or yard area; or

20 3. A hard-wired stand-alone fire and smoke alarm in the area of
21 overnight accommodations in addition to illuminated interior exits
22 signs, a means of egress from the interior overnight accommodations
23 area to the exterior of the building which is maintained and free
24 from obstructions or impediments for full and instant use in case of

1 fire or emergency, including all exits, exit access and exist
2 discharge from the interior of the building leading to the exterior
3 public way, exit court or yard area.

4 C. Nothing in the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code or any code
5 adopted by any political subdivision of this state, or any rules or
6 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, shall be construed to
7 cause a church to be in violation of the Oklahoma Uniform Building
8 Code or any building code adopted by a political subdivision of this
9 state for the sole reason the church offers temporary overnight
10 visitor services within the authority of this section.

11 D. As used in this section:

12 1. "Church" means a facility that is owned by a religious
13 organization and that is used primarily for religious services;

14 2. "Religious organization" means any church, seminary,
15 synagogue, temple, mosque, religious order, religious corporation,
16 association or society, whose identity is distinctive in terms of
17 common religious creed, beliefs, doctrines, practices or rituals, of
18 any faith or denomination, including any organization qualifying as
19 a church or religious organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(d)
20 of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and

21 3. "Temporary" means ~~no more than seven (7) consecutive days,~~
22 ~~accumulating to no more than forty (40)~~ seventy-five (75) days in a
23 calendar year.

24 ~~SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.~~

1 ~~SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
2 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~
3 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
4 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

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