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This document is  
an addition to what  
I sent you earlier.

It pertains to  
Fallout protection in  
Public Structures.

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SENATE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ACT TO AMEND PART II, TITLE 20, DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE BY REQUIRING FALLOUT PROTECTION SHELTERS TO BE INSTALLED IN PUBLIC STRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, the world today continues under the threat of possible nuclear war, and

WHEREAS, it has been proven in research tests conducted by the United States government that tens of millions of lives can be saved by adequate fallout shelter protection, and

WHEREAS, adequate fallout shelters could be included in all public buildings wherein space may be utilized for administration, recreation, storage, instruction and normal operational purposes, as well as emergency shelter for occupants and other citizens in event of a nuclear attack, and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Delaware desires to do all in its power to provide maximum safety and protection for all of the people of Delaware; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Part II, title 20, Delaware Code is amended by adding thereto a new chapter to read:

CHAPTER 32. FALLOUT SHELTERS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

§3201. Definitions

As used in this chapter -

"Agency" means any board, department, bureau, commission or officer of this state and any political subdivision of this state.

§3202. Declaration of policy and purpose

It is the policy of this state that fallout shelters shall be incorporated in all public buildings of the agencies of this state to the fullest extent practicable, in order to provide protection against radiation for the greatest number of people in the event of a nuclear attack on our Nation.

§3203. Inclusion of fallout protection in public buildings

Each agency charged with the duty of preparing specifications, or awarding or entering into contracts for the erection or construction of buildings, or other structures, wherein public funds are utilized, shall cause to be incorporated in such buildings, or other structures, fallout protection for at least its normal anticipated working population which shall meet or exceed the minimum protection and space factors prescribed by the Department of Civil Defense unless exempted from such shelter requirement in accordance with procedures and criteria prescribed pursuant to §3204 of this title.

§3204. Rules and regulations

The Director of Civil Defense, in coordination with the State Planning Office, and with the approval of the Governor, shall prescribe rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of §3203 of this title. Such rules and regulations shall make provision for the establishment of procedures and criteria for incorporating fallout protection in structures owned or to be constructed by any agency of this state and may make provisions for the exemption from this requirement where design characteristics of the building create an additional cost in excess of 3.5% of the general construction costs or such other factors as may be determined as making unnecessary or impracticable the incorporation of fallout shelter in such structures.

§3205. Modification of existing structures

In the modification of existing structures, consideration shall be given by the agencies of this state to the provision, in the redesign of that facility, of fallout protection for at least its normal anticipated working population.