

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 773  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/30/03**

Short Title: Chapel Hill Sprinklers.

(Local)

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Referred to:

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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 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

24 (2) Any existing occupancy with a rated occupancy load exceeding 150  
25 persons and serving alcohol under a North Carolina ABC classification  
26 of private club or retail on-site consumption of mixed drink or malt  
27 beverage and that has any of its required egress points one story or  
28 more above or below grade.

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

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