

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT FORM

Proposed amendment submitted by:

RE-15-06-15

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Applicable code: 2015 IRC Applicable code section: R310.1

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Current language (including section numbers and include prior adopted amendments):

R310.1 Emergency escape and rescue required. *Basements, habitable attics* and every sleeping room shall have not less than one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. Where *basements* contain one or more sleeping rooms, an emergency escape and rescue opening shall be required in each sleeping room. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall open directly into a public way, or to a *yard* or court that opens to a public way.

Exceptions: Storm shelters and *basements* used only to house mechanical equipment and not exceeding total floor area of 200 square feet (18.58 m²).

R310.1.1 Operational Constraints and opening control devices. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys, tools, or special knowledge. Window opening control devices complying with ASTM 2090 shall be permitted for use on windows serving as a required emergency escape and rescue opening.

Check one: ___ Delete without substitution: Add new section to read as follows:

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Proposed code language:

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Exceptions:

1. Storm shelters and *basements* used only to house mechanical equipment and not exceeding total floor area of 200 square feet (18.58 m²).

2. Emergency escape and rescue openings required by Section 310.1 are permitted to be omitted where the building is protected by a sprinkler system complying with Section R313.

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Reason / Justification: Provides a tradeoff for installation of automatic sprinklers. (Carry over from amendments to the 2009 IRC)

Financial Analysis/Fiscal Impact of proposed amendment: None. Amendment does not require anything. For those installing sprinklers, this amendment could partially offset the cost of the sprinkler system.

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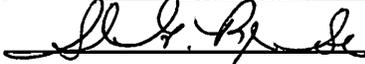
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Chair's Signature: 

Date: July 10, 2015

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