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## CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT relating to fire escapes, and amendatory of section 4575a, of the revised statutes.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Statutes in relation to fire escapes amended.

SECTION 1. Section 4575a, of the revised statutes, is amended so as to read as follows: Section 4575a. Any person, persons, or body corporate, owning, occupying or controlling any factory, work-shop or structure three or more stories high, in which several persons are employed at any kind of labor, on or above the third floor or story, shall provide and keep connected with the same, one or more, good and substantial metallic or fire-proof ladders, stairs or stairways, ready for use at all times, reaching from the cornice to the ground, on the outside of such building, and placed in such position as to be easy of access to the occupants of such building in case of fire, and sufficient to furnish reasonable means of escape to the persons employed therein, from each and every floor or story. And any such person, persons or corporate body who shall, for three months after the passage and publication of this act, fail to provide and keep such means of escape from fire, shall be subjected to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the county jail, not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 9, 1885.