

HB 3003 -- FIRE SUPPRESSION AND SAFETY

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This bill establishes the "Fire Life-Safety Damper Inspection Verification Act".

Any political subdivision that by code or standard requires fire life-safety dampers must require that such fire life-safety dampers are:

- (1) Tested for compliance within 12 months of installation; and
- (2) Periodically tested no less than once every four years thereafter.

These provisions apply to every fire life-safety damper required by a code or standard of any political subdivision that requires a fire life-safety damper other than those in one- and two-family dwellings or townhouses three stories or fewer above grade plane.

All tests and inspections must comply with certain standards, as described in the bill. Those performing the tests and inspections must have certain qualifications, as described in the bill. If the smoke or fire dampers pass the applicable tests and inspections, the qualified person performing the test or inspection will execute a compliance certification, as described in the bill. The building owner must maintain a copy of the compliance certification and make it available for inspection upon request.

In the event a test or inspection reveals deficiencies, a deficiency report identifying the nature of said deficiencies must be prepared, as described in the bill. The building owner must take necessary steps, detailed in the bill, to correct the deficiencies within 30 days. A notice of verification of the testing and inspection must be posted in the outside lobby window of the building for clear public display. The requirements for the notice are provided in the bill.

Failure to comply with these provisions will constitute a violation and subject the building owner to civil penalties, as described in the bill.