

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 428, *approved January 19, 1998*
Assembly, No. 2588 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the display of certain vegetation and
2 supplementing the "Uniform Fire Safety Act," P.L.1983, c.383
3 (C.52:27D-192 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule or regulation to
9 the contrary, ¹[vegetation such as but not limited to straw, hay, vines,
10 leaves, stalks, trees and moss,] trees and wreaths¹ used in holiday
11 displays may be exhibited in ¹[commercial buildings and places of
12 assembly used for religious purposes from Thanksgiving Day through
13 New Year's Day] all buildings covered by the "Uniform Fire Safety
14 Act," P.L.1983, c.383 (C.52:27D-192, et seq.) under the following
15 conditions:

16 a. Natural cut trees shall be permitted in any building if the trees:

17 1) Are located in areas protected by an approved automatic
18 sprinkler system, or

19 2) Meet the flame-retardant requirements of the "Uniform Fire
20 Safety Act," P.L.1983, c.383 (C.52:27D-192, et seq.) provided that
21 the trees are watered daily.

22 b. Living trees in a balled condition with their roots protected by
23 an earth ball, maintained in a fresh condition and not allowed to
24 become dry, shall be permitted in any building.

25 c. Holiday wreaths not in excess of 10 percent of the aggregate
26 wall area of any room or space shall be permitted in any building.

27 d. The appropriate enforcing agency may limit the number of trees
28 in any building.

29 e. Trees shall not be allowed to obstruct corridors, exits or other
30 means of egress.

31 f. Open flames such as from candles, lanterns, kerosene heaters and
32 gas-fired heaters shall not be located on or near trees or holiday

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations
January 12, 1998.

1 wreaths.

2 g. Nothing herein shall apply to, or be construed as extending the
3 jurisdiction of, the "Uniform Safety Act," P.L.1983, c.383 (C.52:27D-
4 192, et seq.) to residential buildings.¹

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6 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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11 Concerns display of holiday vegetation.