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**AB-835 State Fire Marshal: building standards: single-exit, single stairway apartment houses: report.**  
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**Assembly Bill No. 835**

**CHAPTER 345**

An act to add and repeal Section 13108.5.2 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to fire protection.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 835, Lee. State Fire Marshal: building standards: single-exit, single stairway apartment houses: report.

Existing law, the California Building Standards Law, establishes the California Building Standards Commission within the Department of General Services. Existing law requires the commission to approve and adopt building standards and to codify those standards in the California Building Standards Code. Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to research and develop, and authorizes the State Fire Marshal to propose to the California Building Standards Commission, mandatory building standards for fire resistance based on occupancy risk categories in very high, high, and moderate California fire severity zones, as provided.

This bill would require the State Fire Marshal to research standards for single-exit, single stairway apartment houses, with more than 2 dwelling units, in buildings above 3 stories and provide a report to specified legislative committees and to the California Building Standards Commission by January 1, 2026. The bill would require this report to address fire and life safety or emergency activities in single-exit, single stairway apartment houses, with more than 2 dwelling units, in buildings above 3 stories. The bill would repeal the above-mentioned provisions on January 1, 2028.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 13108.5.2 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

**13108.5.2.** (a) The State Fire Marshal shall research standards for single-exit, single stairway apartment houses, with more than two dwelling units, in buildings above three stories and provide a report to the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization, the Assembly Committee on Emergency Management, the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, and the California Building Standards Commission by January 1, 2026.

(b) The report required pursuant to subdivision (a) shall address fire and life safety or emergency activities in single-exit, single stairway apartment houses, with more than two dwelling units, in buildings above three stories.

(c) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this section is repealed on January 1, 2028.