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**MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE - CODE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

Please Print		State Use Only	
Date:	December 6, 2010	Date Received:	
Code Section:	8th Edition 780 CMR 504.2	Code Change Number::	
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**Text of Proposed Amendment::**

Replace the current MA amendment to Section 504.2 with the following:
<b>"504.2</b> Delete final sentence."

**Supporting Statements: Include supplementary material - use additional sheets if necessary**

By deleting the sentence "For Use Group R buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2 (NFPA 13R system), the value specified in Table 503 for maximum building height is increased by 20 ft and the maximum number of stories is increased by one, but shall not exceed 60 ft or four stories, respectively," the height increase is only permitted for buildings equipped throughout with NFPA 13 systems. We believe this may have been the intent of the current amendment to Section 504.2, however as currently written it has the unintended consequence of restricting residential buildings with an NFPA 13 system to 4 stories/60 feet (i.e. would not allow a Type IIA or IIB building to be 5 stories).