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To illustrate his point, firefighters ignited waste paper cans in two tiny model bedrooms. In the first one, the bed, curtains, rug, desk chair, television set and computer were engulfed in 1,000-degree roaring flames in less than three minutes, faster than firefighters might arrive at the scene.

In the second demonstration, a fire sprinkler doused the flames in 30 seconds.

"Fire departments could take 2 1/2 to 5 minutes to reach a scene after a fire is reported. This fire could flash over the (first) room before a fire department ever gets there," said Vincent Ficherd, vice president of the New Jersey Sprinkler Advisory Board, which made recommendations to state fire commissioners.

The state Department of Community Affairs is considering a proposal that all the buildings be fitted with full systems.

Studies by fire officials identified about 400 high-rise buildings across the state that are at least 75 feet high or have six stories or more and were constructed before 1978, when the building code began requiring the suppression systems for all new buildings.

Mandating sprinklers in old high-rise buildings is one of a series of regulations the state is considering for inclusion in the building code, and public comments on the proposals are being accepted until early November.

State fire commissioners are urging firefighters and others to push for adoption of the regulation.

However, apartment building owners are warning that tenants would bear the estimated \$1 billion cost for installing the sprinklers.

"That's a conservative estimate," said Nicholas Kikis, director of regulatory affairs and research for the New Jersey Apartment Association. "The question is, can New Jersey tenants afford the added cost?"

Kikis said many of the old buildings have safety features, such as being constructed so fires are contained within units.

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State fire commissioners yesterday said a bill before Congress, the National Fire Safety Incentive Act, would ease the financial burden for installing the systems.

Commissioners said they expect the state one day will consider retrofitting single-family homes with sprinkler systems.

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