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Request for Statewide Code Modification

Jurisdiction or Organization: Building Official's Association of SC

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Code: International Fire Code Edition: 2018 Section: IFC 1016.2 (4)

Check One: Delete and substitute the following Delete without substitution Add the following Modify the following
Type or print proposed modification. Use additional pages if necessary. Underline New language. Line Through Deleted Language.

4. Means of egress from dwelling units or sleeping areas shall not lead through other sleeping areas, toilet rooms or bathrooms.

Except in R-1 and R-2 occupancies where a secondary sleeping area is created within the living room area of the unit by the use of "Murphy" beds, "roll-away" beds or sleeper sofas provided that the requirements of South Carolina Building Code section 1016.2 item 3 are met.

Reason: Unusually Restrictive Impractical Threat to Human Injury or Life Safety
Type or print the reason for the proposed modification. Use additional pages if necessary.

Most hotel and motel suites built in South Carolina, are designed with a living room, a bedroom (sleeping area) a small kitchen and a bathroom, all utilizing a single means of egress. It is also customary to place "Murphy" beds, "roll-away" beds or sleeper sofas in the living room of the unit, thereby creating a second sleeping area when necessary. Section 1016.2 does not allow egress through a sleeping area, effectively prohibiting the construction of hotel or motel suites that do not have a second means of egress or an exit access corridor around the sleeping area (be it the living room or bedroom) closest to the exit door.

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