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Section 908

Question:

Is it the intent of the Existing Building Code, Change of Occupancy - Electrical, to require an upgrading of wiring in a structure, as required by section 908, if the change of occupancy is within the same occupancy group as the previous occupant?

Answer

YES. Per the definition in Section 202 of the FBC-E, "A change in the purpose or level of activity within a building that involves a change in application of the requirements of this code." And Section 901.1 which states, "The provisions of this chapter shall apply where a change of occupancy occurs, as defined in Section 202, including: 1. Where the occupancy classification is not changed, or 2. Where there is a change in occupancy classification or the occupancy group designation changes." Based on this language, Section 908 would apply to to an A-2 to A-3 Change of Occupancy.

Commentary:

This is a change of use, not necessarily "occupancy".

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