

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 7, 1898.

Mr. McMILLAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

A BILL

To regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That from and after the date of the approval of this Act no
4 combustible or nonfireproof building intended to be used or
5 occupied as a residence or as an apartment house or hotel in
6 the District of Columbia shall be erected to a height of more
7 than five stories or raised to a height exceeding sixty feet
8 above the sidewalk, the measurement to be made as herein-
9 after prescribed.

10 SEC. 2. That buildings intended for business purposes
11 solely may be erected to a height of seventy-five feet with-
12 out being of fireproof construction.

13 SEC. 3. That all buildings, except churches, hereafter
14 erected or altered to exceed seventy-five feet in height shall
15 be fireproof or noncombustible, and of such materials through-

1 out as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of the Dis-
2 trict of Columbia. Churches must be of fireproof construc-
3 tion up to and including the main or auditorium floor.

4 SEC. 4. That no building shall be erected or altered on
5 any street in the District of Columbia to exceed in height
6 above the sidewalk the width of the street in its front, and
7 in no case shall a building exceed ninety feet in height on a
8 residence street nor one hundred and ten feet on a business
9 street, as designated by schedule approved by the Commis-
10 sioners of the District of Columbia, except on business streets
11 and business avenues one hundred and sixty feet wide,
12 where a height not exceeding one hundred and thirty feet
13 may be allowed. The height of buildings on corner lots shall
14 in all cases be regulated by the limitations governing on the
15 broader streets: *Provided*, That spires, towers, and domes
16 may be erected to a greater height than the limit herein pre-
17 scribed when approved by the Commissioners of the District
18 of Columbia.

19 SEC. 5. That no wooden or frame building hereafter
20 erected or altered and intended to be used for human habita-
21 tions shall exceed in height three stories or forty feet to the
22 roof.

23 SEC. 6. That the height of all buildings shall be measured
24 from the level of the sidewalk opposite the middle of the
25 front of the building to the highest point of the roof; if the

1 building has more than one front, the measurement shall be
2 upon the front facing the street of steepest grade. No para-
3 pet wall shall extend above the limit of height.

4 SEC. 7. That the limitations of height herein prescribed
5 shall not apply to Federal or municipal buildings.

6 SEC. 8. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend,
7 or repeal this Act.

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