Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing Committee Projects, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 101®, Life Safety Code®, 2003 edition. The TIA was processed by the Safety to Life Committee, and was issued by the Standards Council on July 25, 2003, with an effective date of August 14, 2003.

A Tentative Interim Amendment is tentative because it has not been processed through the entire standards-making procedures. It is interim because it is effective only between editions of the standard. A TIA automatically becomes a proposal of the proponent for the next edition of the standard; as such, it then is subject to all of the procedures of the standards-making process.

Revise 12.7.5 and 13.7.5 to lower the threshold for crowd managers in assembly occupancies as follows:

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