

Chapter 143

(House Bill 849)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Smoke Detectors and Smoke Alarms

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a person may sell or install smoke detectors, smoke alarms, and specialized smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing only in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code; repealing a requirement that each manufacturer that commercially sells or offers for sale a smoke detection system obtain approval of each model of smoke detector from the State Fire Marshal; repealing a certain application fee; and generally relating to smoke detectors, smoke alarms, and smoke detection systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 9–105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

9–105.

[(a)] A person may sell or install a smoke detection system, **SMOKE DETECTOR, SMOKE ALARM,** or specialized smoke detectors **OR SMOKE ALARMS** for the deaf and **HARD OF** hearing [impaired] only in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code.

[(b) (1) Each manufacturer commercially selling or offering for sale smoke detection systems in the State shall obtain approval of each model of smoke detector from the State Fire Marshal.

(2) An application for approval of each model of smoke detector shall be:

(i) submitted in the manner required by the State Fire Marshal; and

(ii) accompanied by a fee of \$25.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.