

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 947

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Balcony” insert “Railing”; in lines 4, 6, and 9 and 10, in each instance, strike “a political subdivision” and substitute “certain political subdivisions”; in lines 5 and 16, in each instance, strike “balconies” and substitute “certain balcony railings”; in lines 5 and 15, in each instance, after “balcony” insert “railing”; in line 10, after “dwelling,” insert “authorizing a political subdivision that otherwise inspects multifamily dwelling units according to a certain schedule to include the periodic inspections required under this Act as part of that inspection; prohibiting a unit from being inspected under certain circumstances; prohibiting Baltimore City from issuing or renewing a certain multiple-family dwelling license unless the applicant demonstrates that a professional inspector has completed a certain inspection; requiring Baltimore City to notify the holder of a multiple-family dwelling license of a certain inspection requirement at a certain time;”; in line 13, after “multifamily” insert “or multiple-family”; in line 15, after “time” insert “, with a certain exception”; and in lines 16 and 17, strike “in multifamily dwellings”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 29, after “OF” insert “AT LEAST 10% OF THE UNITS IN”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike the second “A”; in the same line, after “BALCONY” insert “RAILINGS THAT ARE PRIMARILY CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD”; in line 3, strike “EACH BALCONY MEETS” and substitute “THE BALCONY RAILINGS MEET”; and in line 21, strike “HAS” and substitute “RAILINGS HAVE”.

On page 5, after line 13, insert:

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“(VI) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT OTHERWISE INSPECTS MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNITS AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 10 YEARS MAY INCLUDE THE INSPECTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AS PART OF THAT INSPECTION.

(VII) A UNIT MAY NOT BE INSPECTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IF THE TENANT OR LAWFUL OCCUPANT LEASING THE UNIT DENIES THE INSPECTOR ACCESS TO THE UNIT.”.

On page 6, in lines 22, 24, 27, and 28, in each instance, after “balcony” insert “railing”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 28, after “(I)” insert “THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(II)”.

On page 4, in line 6, strike “(II)” and substitute “(III)”; in lines 8, 10, and 13, in each instance, strike “(I)” and substitute “(II)”; in line 16, strike “(III)” and substitute “(IV)”; and in line 17, strike “SUBPARAGRAPH (II)3” and substitute “SUBPARAGRAPH (III)3”.

On page 5, in line 3, strike “(IV)” and substitute “(V)”; in line 6, strike “SUBPARAGRAPH(II)2 OR 3” and substitute “SUBPARAGRAPH (III)1 OR 2”; in line 10, strike “SUBPARAGRAPH (II)3” and substitute “SUBPARAGRAPH (III)3”; before line 14, insert:

“(4) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, “MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 13, § 5-1 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE.

(II) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(III) BALTIMORE CITY MAY NOT ISSUE OR RENEW A MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING LICENSE UNLESS THE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATES THAT A PROFESSIONAL INSPECTOR HAS COMPLETED AN INSPECTION OF THE MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING TO ENSURE THAT EACH BALCONY RAILING IN THE MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDING, FIRE, AND RELATED CODES OF BALTIMORE CITY.

(IV) BEGINNING IN OCTOBER 2015, AND EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER, AT THE TIME THAT BALTIMORE CITY SENDS A RENEWAL NOTICE TO A HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING LICENSE, BALTIMORE CITY SHALL NOTIFY THE LICENSE HOLDER OF THE INSPECTION REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.”;

in line 14, strike “(4)” and substitute “(5)”; and in line 18, after “(3)” insert “OR (4)”.

On page 6, in lines 21 and 22, in each instance, after “multifamily” insert “or multiple-family”; and in line 24, after “subdivision” insert “, other than Baltimore City.”.