

HOUSE BILL 1179

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Beitzel**

Introduced and read first time: February 23, 2015

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sprinkler System Requirements – Tents – Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a certain
4 structure is not required to have a sprinkler system under certain circumstances;
5 defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally
6 relating to sprinkler system requirements.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 9–204.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 **9–204.1.**

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “TENT” MEANS A STRUCTURE THE COVERING OF
17 WHICH IS MADE OF PLIABLE MATERIAL THAT ACHIEVES ITS SUPPORT BY
18 MECHANICAL MEANS SUCH AS BEAMS, COLUMNS, POLES, OR ARCHES, OR BY ROPE
19 OR CABLES, OR BOTH.

20 (2) “TENT” INCLUDES A YURT, TEEPEE, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR
21 STRUCTURE.

22 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A TENT IS NOT
23 REQUIRED TO HAVE A SPRINKLER SYSTEM IF THE TENT IS NOT:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(1) USED FOR LODGING;**
2 **(2) SERVICED BY A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM; AND**
3 **(3) ATTACHED TO OR INCORPORATED AS PART OF A BUILDING THAT**
4 **IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A SPRINKLER SYSTEM.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
6 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
7 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
8 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
9 enacted.