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BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 689
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 14, after “High–Rise” insert “Apartment”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 7, after “(a)” insert “**(1)** **IN THIS SECTION, “HIGH-RISE BUILDING” MEANS A BUILDING FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY THAT IS:**

(1) **SEVEN OR MORE STORIES ABOVE GRADE LEVEL; OR**

(II) **OVER 75 FEET IN HEIGHT.**

(2) **“HIGH-RISE BUILDING” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

(I) **A STRUCTURE OR BUILDING USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR OPEN-AIR PARKING; OR**

(II) **A BUILDING USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.**

(B);

in lines 8, 16, and 24, strike “(b)”, “(c)”, and “(d)”, respectively, and substitute “**(C)**”, “**(D)**”, and “**(E)**”, respectively; in line 12, after “**(2)**” insert “**(I)**”; strike beginning with “1” in line 12 down through “STANDARDS” in line 14 and substitute “**31, 2025, SMOKE DETECTORS**”; in line 14, after “INSTALLED” insert “**IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCATION AND SPACING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**”; in the same line, after “EACH” insert “**INTERIOR**”; in lines 14 and 15, strike “ACCESSIBLE BY UNITS”; after line 15, insert:

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“(II) A COUNTY MAY NOT REQUIRE UPGRADES TO FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS NOT SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AS A CONDITION OF ISSUING A PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.”;

and in lines 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, in each instance, after “deaf” insert “, DEAFBLIND,”.

On page 3, in lines 2, 10, 13, and 15, in each instance, after “deaf” insert “, DEAFBLIND,”.

On page 4, in line 17, strike “**JULY 1, 2024**” and substitute “**JANUARY 1, 2025**”; in line 29, after “**BUILDING**” insert “**OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CONDOMINIUM OR COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION**”; and in the same line, after “**OWNER**” insert “**OR GOVERNING BODY**”.

On page 5, in line 12, strike “**6 MONTHS**” and substitute “**2 YEARS**”; in line 25, strike “**OR**” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “**CONDOMINIUM BUILDING**” insert “, **OR A BUILDING OWNED BY A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION**”; in line 26, strike “**OR**” and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after “**ASSOCIATION**” insert “, **OR THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION**”.

On page 6, in line 8, after “High–Rise” insert “Apartment”; and in line 27, strike “one representative” and substitute “two representatives”.

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 24, inclusive, and substitute:

“(i) study fire safety risks in high–rise apartment buildings that do not have automatic sprinkler systems or other fire safety technology;

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(ii) study current strategies, practices, and technology to mitigate fire risks, maximize evacuation of occupants, and allow for greater access and more expedient responses by emergency response professionals; and

(iii) develop recommendations and best practices for the improvement of fire safety in high-rise apartment buildings that do not have fire sprinkler systems and other fire safety technology.

(2) In developing recommendations under paragraph (1) of this section, the Workgroup shall consider:

(i) the availability, feasibility, and degree of fire hazard mitigation of each alternative fire protection system or arrangement;

(ii) the cost, design, installation, testing, and maintenance of each fire protection system; and

(iii) the duration of installation for each alternative fire protection system and the intensity of the disruption of normal occupancy caused by installation.”.