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By: **Delegate Carlson**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Fire Safety - Smoke Detectors - Residential Dwelling Units**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that smoke detectors of a certain type be used in a
4 residential dwelling unit that is sold or rented or in which renovations requiring
5 a building permit or electrical permit are performed; making this Act applicable
6 to smoke detectors powered in a certain way; providing for the application of this
7 Act; and generally relating to smoke detectors.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
10 Section 12A(p)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 38A - Fires and Investigations**

16 12A.

17 (p) A smoke detector required under this section shall be of a type that
18 operates both by battery and on an alternating current (AC) primary source of electric
19 power if:

20 (1) [the] THE smoke detector is installed in a new residential dwelling
21 unit:

22 [(1)] (I) Containing alternating current (AC) electrical service;

23 [(2)] (II) Designed to be occupied by 1 or more families; and

24 [(3)] (III) For which a building permit is issued for new construction on or
25 after July 1, 1990; OR

1 (2) THE SMOKE DETECTOR CURRENTLY OPERATES ON AN
2 ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) PRIMARY SOURCE OF ELECTRIC POWER AND IS
3 LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT:

4 (I) THAT IS SOLD OR RENTED; OR

5 (II) IN WHICH RENOVATIONS REQUIRING A BUILDING PERMIT OR
6 ELECTRICAL PERMIT ARE PERFORMED.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
8 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect
9 on or application to any smoke detector located in a residential dwelling unit that is
10 sold or rented before the effective date of this Act or in which renovations requiring a
11 building permit or electrical permit are begun before the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2001.