

# Chapter 39

## (House Bill 2)

AN ACT concerning

### Public School Buildings – Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning Equipment

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~the construction or remodeling of~~ certain public school buildings ~~to conform to~~ constructed or substantially remodeled in accordance with certain provisions of law to have certain carbon monoxide detectors installed in certain areas; requiring a signal from certain carbon monoxide detectors to be automatically transmitted to a certain location; requiring certain carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in conformance with a certain standard for the installation of carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment for commercial structures or those referenced by the State Fire Prevention Code; making certain stylistic changes; ~~making this Act an emergency measure defining a certain term;~~ and generally relating to requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment in public school buildings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 4–117  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

#### Article – Education

4–117.

(a) On the recommendation of the county superintendent, a county board may employ architects to assist in preparing plans and specifications for constructing or remodeling a building.

(b) **(1)** The construction or remodeling of a building shall conform to ~~fall~~

~~(1)~~ **ALL** applicable State and county building, electrical, fire, and plumbing regulations and codes; ~~AND~~

~~(H) THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 720: STANDARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT, 2009 EDITION, FOR COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES.~~

(2) A fee may not be charged for any permit required pursuant to [these] THE REQUIRED regulations or codes for construction or remodeling, but a fee may be charged for water or sewer permits, or for connection and service charges for water and sewerage.

~~(D) (C) (1) (I) A BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR SUBSTANTIALLY REMODELED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO INSTALL APPROVED CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN AREAS OF NEW AND EXISTING EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCIES WHERE FUEL FIRED EQUIPMENT IS PRESENT.~~

(II) A SIGNAL FROM A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR INSTALLED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSMITTED TO AN APPROVED SUPERVISING STATION OR TO A CONSTANTLY ATTENDED ON-SITE LOCATION.

(2) THE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 720: STANDARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT, 2009 EDITION OR AS REFERENCED IN THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted~~ shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.