

SENATE BILL 1075

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Conway**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Hotels – Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain hotels to install a certain carbon monoxide alarm
4 in a central location inside of each guest room within the hotel or, under certain
5 circumstances, within a certain distance from carbon
6 monoxide-producing fixtures and equipment within the hotel; defining a certain
7 term; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to carbon
8 monoxide alarms.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 12–1101, 12–1102, and 12–1104
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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15 Article – Public Safety
16 Section 12–1103, 12–1105, and 12–1106
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Public Safety**

22 12–1101.

23 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (b) “Carbon monoxide alarm” means a device that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) senses carbon monoxide;

2 (2) when sensing carbon monoxide, is capable of emitting a distinct
3 and audible sound;

4 (3) is listed and carries the listing of a nationally recognized testing
5 laboratory approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and

6 (4) is wired into an alternating current (AC) powerline with secondary
7 battery backup.

8 (c) (1) “Dwelling” means a building or part of a building that provides
9 living or sleeping facilities for one or more individuals.

10 (2) “Dwelling” includes a one or two family dwelling, multifamily
11 dwelling, hotel, motel, or dormitory.

12 **(D) “HOTEL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-201 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

13 **[(d)] (E)** “Install” means to attach to the wall or ceiling of a dwelling in
14 accordance with:

15 (1) the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 720 standard for
16 the installation of carbon monoxide warning equipment in dwelling units; and

17 (2) the manufacturer’s recommendations.

18 12-1102.

19 This subtitle only applies to:

20 **(1)** a dwelling that:

21 **[(1)] (I)** relies on the combustion of a fossil fuel for heat,
22 ventilation, hot water, or clothes dryer operation; and

23 **[(2)] (II)** is a newly constructed dwelling for which a building
24 permit is issued on or after January 1, 2008; **OR**

25 **(2) A HOTEL.**

26 12-1103.

27 A carbon monoxide alarm may be combined with a smoke alarm if the combined
28 device complies with:

- 1 (1) this subtitle;
- 2 (2) Title 9 of this article; and
- 3 (3) Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards 217 and 2034.
- 4 12-1104.

5 (a) There must be a carbon monoxide alarm installed in a central location
6 outside of each sleeping area within a dwelling subject to this subtitle **OR INSIDE OF**
7 **EACH GUEST ROOM WITHIN A HOTEL.**

8 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, if there is a centralized
9 alarm system that is capable of emitting a distinct and audible sound to warn all
10 occupants, the owner of a dwelling **OR HOTEL** may install a carbon monoxide alarm
11 within 25 feet of any carbon monoxide-producing fixture and equipment.

12 12-1105.

13 Except as part of routine maintenance, a person may not render a carbon
14 monoxide alarm inoperable.

15 12-1106.

16 This subtitle does not prevent a county or municipal corporation from enacting
17 more stringent laws that relate to carbon monoxide alarms.

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