

SENATE BILL 1075

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Conway**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section 12-1101, 12-1102, and 12-1104
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Public Safety
18 Section 12-1103, 12-1105, and 12-1106
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Public Safety**

4 12–1101.

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

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

7 (1) senses carbon monoxide;

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

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

12 (4) **(I)** is wired into an alternating current (AC) powerline with
13 secondary battery backup; **OR**

14 **(II) FOR A HOTEL:**

15 **1. IS WIRED INTO AN ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC)**
16 **POWERLINE WITH SECONDARY BATTERY BACKUP;**

17 **2. IS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, NOT**
18 **CONTROLLED BY A SWITCH, WITH BATTERY BACKUP; OR**

19 **3. IS BATTERY-POWERED, SEALED, TAMPER**
20 **RESISTANT, AND USING A LONG-LIFE BATTERY.**

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

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

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

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

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

1 (2) the manufacturer's recommendations.

2 12-1102.

3 This subtitle only applies to:

4 (1) a dwelling that:

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

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

9 (2) A HOTEL.

10 12-1103.

11 A carbon monoxide alarm may be combined with a smoke alarm if the combined
12 device complies with:

13 (1) this subtitle;

14 (2) Title 9 of this article; and

15 (3) Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards 217 and 2034.

16 12-1104.

17 (a) ~~There~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, FOR A**
18 **DWELLING DESCRIBED IN § 12-1102(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THERE** must be a
19 carbon monoxide alarm installed in a central location outside of each sleeping area
20 within ~~a~~ **THE** dwelling ~~subject to this subtitle~~ ~~OR INSIDE OF EACH GUEST ROOM~~
21 ~~WITHIN A HOTEL.~~

22 **(B) ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 2015, THERE MUST BE A CARBON MONOXIDE**
23 **ALARM INSTALLED INSIDE OF EACH GUEST ROOM WITHIN A HOTEL.**

24 ~~(b)~~ **(C)** Notwithstanding ~~subsection (a)~~ **SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B)** of this
25 section, if there is a centralized alarm system that is capable of emitting a distinct and
26 audible sound to warn all occupants, the owner of a dwelling **OR HOTEL** may install a
27 carbon monoxide alarm within 25 feet of any carbon monoxide-producing fixture and
28 equipment.

29 12-1105.

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

3 12-1106.

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.