

# HOUSE BILL 70

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By: **Delegate Holmes**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Rental Unit – Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirement to install a carbon monoxide alarm in a rental  
4 dwelling unit to apply only under certain circumstances; and generally relating to carbon  
5 monoxide alarms.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Public Safety  
8 Section 12–1104  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 12–1104.

15 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, there must be a  
16 carbon monoxide alarm installed in a central location outside of each sleeping area within  
17 a dwelling subject to this subtitle.

18 (b) For a hotel or a lodging or rooming house, on or after April 1, 2017, there must  
19 be a carbon monoxide alarm installed within the dwelling, as follows:

20 (1) on the wall inside each guest room that:

21 (i) contains a device that emits carbon monoxide;

22 (ii) is adjacent to a room or area that contains a device that emits

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 carbon monoxide;

2 (iii) is adjacent to an enclosed unventilated attached garage; or

3 (iv) is connected by ductwork to an enclosed unventilated attached  
4 garage or room or area that contains a device that emits carbon monoxide; and

5 (2) on a wall in each room or area that:

6 (i) contains a device that emits carbon monoxide;

7 (ii) is adjacent to a room or area that contains a device that emits  
8 carbon monoxide; or

9 (iii) is adjacent to an enclosed unventilated attached garage.

10 (c) For a rental dwelling unit **THAT CONTAINS A DEVICE THAT EMITS CARBON**  
11 **MONOXIDE OR HAS AN ADJACENT ENCLOSED UNVENTILATED ATTACHED GARAGE**, on  
12 or after April 1, 2018, there must be a carbon monoxide alarm installed within the dwelling  
13 as follows:

14 (1) outside and in the immediate vicinity of each separate sleeping area;  
15 and

16 (2) on every level of the unit, including the basement.

17 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, if there is a  
18 centralized alarm system that is capable of emitting a distinct and audible sound to warn  
19 all occupants, the owner of a dwelling may install a carbon monoxide alarm within 25 feet  
20 of any carbon monoxide-producing fixture and equipment.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2019.