

SENATE BILL 746

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Fire Marshal – Sprinkler Systems Enforcement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Fire Marshal to enforce certain requirements
4 relating to fire sprinkler systems; and generally relating to the duties of the State
5 Fire Marshal.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Public Safety
8 Section 6–305(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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 6–305.

15 (a) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce:

16 (1) all laws of the State that relate to:

17 (i) the prevention of fire;

18 (ii) the storage, sale, and use of explosives, combustibles, or other
19 dangerous articles, in solid, liquid, or gaseous form;

20 (iii) the installation and maintenance of all kinds of equipment
21 intended to control, detect, or extinguish fire;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) the means and adequacy of exit, in case of fire, from buildings
2 and all other places in which individuals work, live, or congregate, except buildings that
3 are used solely as dwelling houses for no more than two families; and

4 (v) the suppression of arson; **[and]**

5 (2) the regulations adopted by the Commission under Subtitle 2 of this
6 title; **AND**

7 **(3) ANY REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF**
8 **AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN NEW ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2020.