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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 823

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Charkoudian**” and substitute “**Delegates Charkoudian, Addison, Allen, Boyce, Foley, Guyton, Jacobs, Lehman, J. Long, T. Morgan, Ruth, Stein, Stewart, and Terrasa**”; and in line 14, after “High-Rise” insert “Apartment”.

On page 2, in line 7, after “(a)” insert “**(1) IN THIS SECTION, “HIGH-RISE BUILDING” MEANS A BUILDING FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY THAT IS:**

(I) SEVEN OR MORE STORIES ABOVE GRADE LEVEL; OR

(II) OVER 75 FEET IN HEIGHT.

(2) “HIGH-RISE BUILDING” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) A STRUCTURE OR BUILDING USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR OPEN-AIR PARKING; OR

(II) A BUILDING USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

(B)”;

in lines 8, 16, and 24, strike “(b)”, “(c)”, and “(d)”, respectively, and substitute “**(C)**”, “**(D)**”, and “**(E)**”, respectively; in line 12, after “**(2)**” insert “**(I)**”; strike beginning with “1” in line 12 down through “STANDARDS” in line 14 and substitute “**31, 2025, SMOKE DETECTORS**”; in line 14, after “INSTALLED” insert “**IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCATION AND SPACING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE**

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PROTECTION ASSOCIATION"; in the same line, after "EACH" insert "**INTERIOR**"; in lines 14 and 15, strike "ACCESSIBLE BY UNITS"; after line 15, insert:

"(II) A COUNTY MAY NOT REQUIRE UPGRADES TO FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS NOT SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AS A CONDITION OF ISSUING A PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMOKE DETECTORS REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.";

and in lines 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, in each instance, after "deaf" insert "**, DEAFBLIND,**".

On page 3, in lines 2, 10, 13, and 15, in each instance, after "deaf" insert "**, DEAFBLIND,**".

On page 4, in line 17, strike "**JULY 1, 2024**" and substitute "**JANUARY 1, 2025**"; in line 29, after "**BUILDING**" insert "**OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CONDOMINIUM OR COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION**"; and in the same line, after "**OWNER**" insert "**OR GOVERNING BODY**".

On page 5, in line 12, strike "**6 MONTHS**" and substitute "**2 YEARS**"; in line 25, strike "**OR**" and substitute a comma; in the same line, after "**CONDOMINIUM BUILDING**" insert "**, OR A BUILDING OWNED BY A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION**"; in line 26, strike "**OR**" and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after "**ASSOCIATION**" insert "**, OR THE COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION**".

On page 6, in line 8, after "High-Rise" insert "**Apartment**"; and in line 27, strike "one representative" and substitute "**two representatives**".

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 24, inclusive, and substitute:

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“(i) study fire safety risks in high-rise apartment buildings that do not have automatic sprinkler systems or other fire safety technology;

(ii) study current strategies, practices, and technology to mitigate fire risks, maximize evacuation of occupants, and allow for greater access and more expedient responses by emergency response professionals; and

(iii) develop recommendations and best practices for the improvement of fire safety in high-rise apartment buildings that do not have fire sprinkler systems and other fire safety technology.

(2) In developing recommendations under paragraph (1) of this section, the Workgroup shall consider:

(i) the availability, feasibility, and degree of fire hazard mitigation of each alternative fire protection system or arrangement;

(ii) the cost, design, installation, testing, and maintenance of each fire protection system; and

(iii) the duration of installation for each alternative fire protection system and the intensity of the disruption of normal occupancy caused by installation.”.