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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 175
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, strike “nonconductive” and substitute “non-arc-resistant”; in line 10, strike “, in collaboration with the State Fire Prevention Commission,” and substitute “and the Office of”; in line 11, strike “, and local inspectors,”; in the same line, strike “conduct a”; and in line 12, strike “regarding corrugated stainless steel tubing and other fuel gas piping systems” and substitute “related to preventing the fire hazards associated with commonly used fuel gas piping systems, including gas piping and corrugated stainless steel tubing, in residential and commercial buildings”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 8, strike “NONCONDUCTIVE” and substitute “NON-ARC-RESISTANT”; in line 20, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “NONCONDUCTIVE JACKETED”.

On page 3, in line 4, after “Labor” insert “and the Office of the State Fire Marshal”; strike beginning with “, in” in line 4 down through “inspectors,” in line 5; in line 5, after “shall” insert “conduct a”; in the same line, strike “the” and substitute “and make recommendations related to”; in line 6, strike “prevention of” and substitute “preventing the”; strike beginning with “corrugated” in line 6 down through “other” in line 7; in line 7, after “systems” insert “, including gas piping and corrugated stainless steel tubing,”; in line 8, strike “The Maryland Department of Labor” and substitute “In conducting the study and making the recommendations, the Department and the Office”; in line 9, after “study” insert “and compare”; in the same line, strike “hazards created by” and substitute “hazard risks of”; strike beginning with “corrugated” in line 9 down through “fuel” in line 10 and substitute “fuel gas piping systems, including”; in line 10, strike “systems used in residential buildings” and substitute “and corrugated stainless steel tubing”; in line 11, strike “corrugated stainless steel tubing or other fuel”

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and substitute “fuel gas piping systems, including”; in line 12, strike “systems” and substitute “and corrugated stainless steel tubing”; in line 14, strike “make recommendations regarding the” and substitute “analyze the effectiveness of existing”; in line 15, strike “necessary for corrugated stainless steel tubing and other” and substitute “in the State related to”; strike beginning with “to” in line 15 down through “measures” in line 17 and substitute “, including gas piping and corrugated stainless steel tubing, and identify areas for improvement”; strike beginning with “make” in line 18 down through “other” in line 20 and substitute “analyze and identify the best practices for state and local legislative, regulatory, and building code standards for”; strike beginning with “such” in line 20 down through “grounding” in line 21 and substitute “including gas piping and corrugated stainless steel tubing”; strike beginning with “assess” in line 22 down through “arcings” in line 24 and substitute “identify potential legislative or regulatory changes in the State to prevent or minimize the fire hazards associated with fuel gas piping systems, including gas piping and corrugated stainless steel tubing, § 12-206 of the Public Safety Article, and if enacted by S.B. 175 or H.B. 222 of 2025, § 19-108 of the Business Regulation Article”;

(6) determine what industry standards or requirements are necessary to prevent or minimize the fire hazards associated with fuel gas piping systems, including gas piping and corrugated stainless steel tubing;

(7) determine what standards or requirements are necessary, if any, to address aggravating factors that may reasonably contribute to the failure or malfunctioning of fuel gas piping systems, including gas piping and corrugated stainless steel tubing, and create a fire hazard, such as improper installation or grounding;

(8) assess the prevalence of non-arc-resistant jacketed corrugated stainless steel tubing in residential and commercial buildings and the fire hazards that this presents; and”;

in line 25, strike “(6)” and substitute “(9)”; and strike beginning with “recommended” in line 26 down through “(i)” in line 31 and substitute “identified in this study”.

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(c) In carrying out the study, the Department and the Office shall consult with:

(1) the State Fire Prevention Commission;

(2);

in line 31, strike “that conduct” and substitute “responsible for residential or commercial”; and in the same line, after “gas” insert “fitting”.

On pages 3 and 4, strike beginning with “or” in line 31 on page 3 down through “experts” in line 1 on page 4 and substitute “; and

(3) manufacturers of fuel gas piping systems and corrugated stainless steel tubing”.

On page 4, in line 2, strike “(c)” and substitute “(d)”; in lines 2 and 7, in each instance, strike “Maryland Department of Labor” and substitute “Department and the Office”; and in line 7, strike “30” and substitute “1”.