



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 318

SENATE BILL NO. 647

By Ketron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1308

By Swann, Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to carbon monoxide alarms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(a), is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

() "Approved carbon monoxide alarm":

(A) Means a device, either battery operated or electrical, that detects the presence of carbon monoxide gas and is listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory approved by the federal occupational safety and health administration to test and certify to American National Standards Institute/Underwriters Laboratories Standards ANSI/UL2034 or ANSI/UL2075; and

(B) Includes a combination carbon monoxide alarm and smoke detector if the device does the following:

(i) Complies with ANSI/UL2034 or ANSI/UL2075 for carbon monoxide alarms and ANSI/UL217 for smoke detectors; and

(ii) Emits an alarm in a manner that clearly differentiates between detecting the presence of carbon monoxide and the presence of smoke;

() "Fossil fuel" means coal, kerosene, oil, fuel gases, or other petroleum or hydrocarbon product that emits carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) Own or operate a hotel that has a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace, or other feature, fixture, or element that emits carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion without installing an approved carbon monoxide alarm within ten feet (10') of each room used for sleeping purposes; or

(4) Knowingly tamper with or remove any smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm required by this section, or a component of a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(2) and substituting instead the following:

(2) All carbon monoxide alarms required by this section:

(A) Shall be installed in accordance with either the standards of the National Fire Protection Association or the manufacturer's directions, unless the standards or directions conflict with applicable law; and

(B) May be wired directly to the building's power supply, powered by a self-monitored battery, or operated with a plug-in outlet fitted with a plug restrainer device if the outlet is not controlled by any switch other than the main power supply.

(3) This section shall apply only to buildings existing before January 1, 2016. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed and maintained in new buildings in accordance with the applicable building construction safety standards as provided in § 68-120-101.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(d)(2), is amended by adding the language "and carbon monoxide alarm" immediately before the language "required in such hotel".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(10)(A) Shall require installation of an approved carbon monoxide alarm, as defined in § 68-120-112(a), within ten feet (10') of each room used for sleeping purposes in any construction begun on or after January 1, 2016, that:

(i) Is intended for use as a hotel as defined in § 68-120-112; and

(ii) Has a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace, an attached garage, or other feature, fixture, or element that emits carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion; and

(B) Shall require that carbon monoxide alarms required pursuant to subdivision (a)(10)(A) be wired directly to the building's power supply with secondary battery backup.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 13, 2015



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2015



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