

battery or AC primary electric powered smoke detector; and

(2) Maintain the smoke detector.

(c) (1) After investigating a fire in any residential dwelling place described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Fire Marshal or the local investigating authority shall issue to the occupant a smoke detection installation order in the absence of required smoke detectors. Failure to comply with such an order within 15 days of reoccupancy constitutes a violation.

(2) Failure to comply with the smoke detection installation order issued under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be punishable only by a fine not exceeding \$50. The provisions of Section 13 of this article shall not apply.

(d) Failure to comply with this section may not be used as a policy defense in the settlement of a property insurance claim.

(e) Approved smoke detecting devices shall be installed not to exceed the lineal or square footage allowances specified, based on the generally accepted test standards under which they were tested and approved.

(f) Smoke detection systems, including specialized smoke detectors for the deaf and hearing impaired, shall be approved for the particular system and shall only be used for detection and signaling in the event of fire.

(g) Except as permitted under subsection (b) of this section, smoke detection systems shall operate on an AC primary source of electric power.

(h) Smoke detection systems may operate on approved power supplies other than an AC primary source when approved by the Fire Prevention Commission, but only when it is clearly evident that reasonable safety is secured.

(i) Sale and installation of smoke detection systems and specialized smoke detectors for the deaf and hearing impaired shall be in accordance with State of Maryland Fire Prevention Code regulations.

(j) Approval shall be obtained from the State Fire Marshal by every manufacturer commercially selling or offering for sale smoke detection systems in the State. Application for such approval of each model shall be in the manner prescribed by the State Fire Marshal and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25.

(k) An approved automatic fire sprinkler system may be installed in lieu of a smoke detection system when approved by the Fire Prevention Commission. This option shall not nullify any other requirements of the code nor be construed as exempting any occupancy from such requirements where clearly applicable under the text of the code.

(l) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the provisions of this section shall apply in Baltimore City. In the city, the city fire department shall enforce these provisions and any appeals concerning these provisions shall be made to the city fire board.

(m) The provisions of subsections (a) through (l) of this section shall have no