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effect upon the existing public local laws or regulations as of July 1, 1982 which require smoke detectors in occupancies with less than ten dwelling units.

(n) A minimum of 1 smoke detector shall be installed on each level, including a basement, but excluding an attic, of all dwelling units:

(1) Containing alternating current (AC) electrical service;

(2) Classified residential as defined in the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, 1985 Edition; and

(3) For which a building permit is issued for construction of new residential dwelling units on or after January 1, 1989.

(o) If 2 or more smoke detectors are required under subsection (n) of this section, the smoke detectors shall be of a type and installed in a manner so that activation of any 1 smoke detector causes activation of all other required smoke detectors in the residential dwelling unit.

(P) A SMOKE DETECTOR REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE OF A TYPE THAT OPERATES BOTH BY BATTERY AND ON AN ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) PRIMARY SOURCE OF ELECTRIC POWER IF THE SMOKE DETECTOR IS INSTALLED IN A NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT:

(1) CONTAINING ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) ELECTRICAL SERVICE;

(2) DESIGNED TO BE OCCUPIED BY 1 OR MORE FAMILIES; AND

(3) FOR WHICH A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1990.

[(p)] (Q) The provisions of subsections (n) [and], (o), AND (P) of this section:

(1) May be enforced by any county fire chief, fire administrator, or municipal fire chief; and

(2) Do not prevent any county from enacting more stringent provisions of law relating to smoke detectors.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

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