

Consumer Protection - Unvented Portable Kerosene-Fired Heaters

FOR the purpose of permitting unvented portable kerosene-fired heaters to be used in multifamily single family dwelling units and in retail commercial establishments under certain circumstances if the heaters otherwise comply with the State Fire Prevention Code regulations in effect on a certain date; and providing that this Act shall not be construed to prohibit or allow the prohibition of the demonstration or repair of unvented portable kerosene-fired heaters in any commercial establishment; defining a certain term; providing for certain warnings to be affixed to these heaters; providing that this Act does not affect certain laws and ordinances; and generally relating to the use and sale of kerosene heaters.

BY adding to

Article - Commercial Law
Section 14-1310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

14-1310.

(A) WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNER, A PERSON MAY USE UNVENTED PORTABLE KEROSENE-FIRED HEATERS IN MULTIFAMILY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AND IN RETAIL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THIS STATE IF THE HEATERS OTHERWISE COMPLY WITH THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE REGULATIONS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1982.

(B) (1) "COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING MORE THAN 50 PERSONS;

(II) DAY CARE CENTERS;

(III) EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCIES;

(IV) HEALTH CARE OCCUPANCIES;

(V) HOTELS AND MOTELS; OR