

to accompany such approval; providing that the maximum penalty for certain violations of this Act shall be a certain amount; making technical corrections; providing that certain provisions of this Act shall not apply to certain hotels and buildings until a certain date; and generally relating to the installation and maintenance of smoke detection systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 12A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 860 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1975
Section 2

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 38A - Fires and Investigations

12A.

(a) (1) Each sleeping area within all occupancies classified residential, as defined in Chapter 11 of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, 1976 Edition, shall be provided with a minimum of one approved smoke detector sensing visible or invisible particles of combustion installed in a manner and location approved by the Fire Prevention Commission. When activated, the detector shall provide an alarm suitable to warn the occupants.

~~(2) (i) -- A LANDLORD SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE OF THE SMOKE DETECTOR IN THE TENANT'S UNIT.~~

~~(ii) -- A TENANT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SMOKE DETECTOR IN THE TENANT'S UNIT.~~

(2) (1) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO DWELLING UNITS WITHIN EXISTING HOTELS AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS OF 10 UNITS OR MORE CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO 1975 WHICH CONFORM WITH THE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE LIFE SAFETY CODE.

(II) IN ALL MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS AND HOTELS CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO 1975 WITH 4 THROUGH 9 UNITS, SMOKE DETECTORS SHALL BE INSTALLED BY JANUARY 1, 1983.