

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 24, 1983.

CHAPTER 482

(House Bill 1299)

AN ACT concerning

Smoke Detection Systems - Multifamily Buildings and Hotels

FOR the purpose of repealing the provision that excluded certain hotels and multifamily buildings from the smoke detection systems provisions; and requiring by a certain date the installation of smoke detectors in certain multifamily buildings and hotels constructed before a certain date and with a certain number of dwelling units; correcting an obsolete reference; and altering the type of wiring required for certain smoke detection systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 12A(a) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read 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~~ 1981 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) [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 exiting requirements of the Life Safety Code.]