

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (G) AND (H) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THAT EACH ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM FACILITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO 50 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS HAVE AN EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATOR ON THE PREMISES.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THAT EACH FACILITY PROVIDE EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL POWER AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) THE EMERGENCY POWER SOURCE SHALL BE A GENERATING SET AND PRIME MOVER LOCATED ON THE FACILITY PREMISES WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSFER.

(2) AN EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(I) IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE OF THE NORMAL ELECTRIC SERVICE, THE EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL POWER SHALL BE ACTIVATED IMMEDIATELY;

(II) THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR SET SHALL COME TO FULL SPEED AND LOAD ACCEPTANCE WITHIN 10 SECONDS; AND

(III) THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR SHALL HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF 48 HOURS OF OPERATION FROM FUEL STORED ON-SITE.

(3) (1) THE EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM SHALL BE TESTED ONE TIME EACH MONTH.

(II) THE EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM TEST SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE GENERATOR BE EXERCISED FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES UNDER NORMAL EMERGENCY FACILITY CONNECTED LOAD.

(III) THE TEST SHALL BE RECORDED IN A PERMANENT LOG BOOK MAINTAINED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(D) THE EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE LIGHTING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF THE FACILITY:

(1) AREAS OF EGRESS AND PROTECTION AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND LIFE SAFETY CODE 101 ADOPTED BY THE ~~STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE~~ STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION;

(2) NURSES' STATION;

(3) DRUG DISTRIBUTION STATION OR UNIT DOSE STATION;

(4) AN AREA FOR EMERGENCY TELEPHONE USE;