- (2) December 1, 2006;
- (3) December 1, 2007; and
- (4) December 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

## **CHAPTER 331**

(Senate Bill 735)

AN ACT concerning

## Public Safety - Apartment and Condominium Buildings - Visual Smoke and Evacuation Alarms

## Task Force to Study Visual Smoke and Evacuation Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

FOR the purpose of altering a certain requirement to require a landlord to install certain smoke detectors upon written request of a tenant who is deaf or hearing impaired or who has a dependent or spouse who is deaf or hearing impaired; requiring a landlord to install certain evacuation alarms upon written request of a tenant who is deaf or hearing impaired or who has a dependent or spouse who is deaf or hearing impaired; requiring a landlord to modify the wiring of the general evacuation alarm system of an apartment building if necessary to comply with the provisions of this Act; requiring a council of condominium unit owners or its agent to install certain evacuation alarms upon written request of a unit owner who is deaf or hearing impaired or who has a dependent or spouse who is deaf or hearing impaired; requiring a unit owner to pay up to a certain amount of the cost of modifying a general evacuation alarm system under this Act; requiring any modifications to a general evacuation alarm system made under this Act to comply with certain applicable fire and building codes; defining certain terms; and generally relating to smoke and evacuation alarms in apartment and condominium buildings establishing a Task Force to Study Visual Smoke and Evacuation Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; providing for the membership of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; providing for the staff of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study certain issues; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study Visual Smoke and Evacuation Alarms for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.