

FOR the purpose of requiring the posting of certain fire safety information in hotel, motel, and lodging house guest rooms; providing a penalty for a violation of this Act; and providing for a delayed effective date to allow for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the State-Fire Marshal State Fire Prevention Commission and, in Baltimore City, the Chief of the Fire Department.

BY adding to

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations  
Section 53A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

53A.

(A) ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, AND LODGING HOUSES SHALL POST A NOTICE IN A PROMINENT PLACE IN EACH GUEST ROOM CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- (1) LOCATION OF NEAREST EXITS AND FIRE ALARMS PULL STATIONS;
- (2) PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN THE FIRE OR SMOKE DETECTOR GIVES WARNING SIGNALS; AND
- (3) PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT OF FIRE OR SMOKE DEVELOPMENT.

(B) ANY HOTEL, MOTEL, OR LODGING HOUSE THAT VIOLATES ANY REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED IN § 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on October 1, 1985, except that any rules and regulations necessary for the timely implementation of this Act on its effective date shall be promulgated on or before such date by the State-Fire-Marshall State Fire Prevention Commission and, in Baltimore City, the Chief of the Fire Department.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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