

sprinklers in certain hotels and motels with 10 or more units on which construction begins after a certain date.

BY repealing

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
The subtitle "Elevators"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
Section 47 to be under the new subtitle "Quick Fast
Response Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 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

[Elevators] QUICK FAST RESPONSE
RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

47.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "QUICK FAST RESPONSE RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM" MEANS A SYSTEM DESIGNED TO AUTOMATICALLY DETECT AND EXTINGUISH A FIRE WHILE CONDITIONS IN THE ROOM WILL STILL SUPPORT HUMAN LIFE INTENDED TO AUTOMATICALLY DETECT AND CONTROL A FIRE, THUS PROVIDING IMPROVED PROTECTION AGAINST INJURY, LIFE LOSS, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE. THIS SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN SURVIVABLE CONDITIONS IN THE ROOM OF FIRE ORIGIN WHEN SPRINKLERED AND TO IMPROVE THE CHANCE FOR OCCUPANTS TO ESCAPE OR BE EVACUATED.

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A HOTEL OR MOTEL WITH 10 OR MORE UNITS, FOR WHICH A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION IS EXECUTED AFTER JULY 1, 1989, SHALL HAVE A QUICK FAST RESPONSE RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLED.

(2) IF AN OCCUPANT IS IF ALL OCCUPANTS ARE ABLE TO EXIT THROUGH AN APPROVED EXIT DOOR, AS DEFINED IN THE 1985 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION LIFE SAFETY CODE, DIRECTLY TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING AND NOT ONLY TO A CENTRAL CORRIDOR, A HOTEL OR MOTEL THAT IS A 1 OR 2 STORY BUILDING IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A QUICK FAST RESPONSE RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLED.