

(C) ALL QUICK FAST RESPONSE RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS INSTALLED SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(1) THE SYSTEM SHALL BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED ENGINEERING PRACTICES; AND

(2) THE SYSTEM SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED BY THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION, A COUNTY FIRE CHIEF, OR A FIRE ADMINISTRATOR HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

(D) (1) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY EXISTING SAFETY FIRE LAWS.

(2) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION OR STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO ACT UNDER EXISTING SAFETY FIRE LAWS.

(E) THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION OR STATE, STATE FIRE MARSHAL, A COUNTY FIRE CHIEF, OR A FIRE ADMINISTRATOR HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, MAY MAKE EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ONLY WHEN THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT ALTERNATE PROVISIONS WILL PROVIDE EQUIVALENT PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE, AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

(F) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED BY ANY COUNTY FIRE CHIEF, FIRE ADMINISTRATOR, OR MUNICIPAL FIRE CHIEF.

(G) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED BY § 13 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(H) LOCAL BUILDING AND FIRE OFFICIALS OFFICIALS, LOCAL FIRE CHIEFS, THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION, THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, FIRE ADMINISTRATORS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE COST OF THE BUILDER'S INSTALLATION OF QUICK FAST RESPONSE RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN THE EVALUATION AND APPROVAL OF THE BUILDER'S OVERALL SITE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS.

(I) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE FROM ENACTING MORE STRINGENT PROVISIONS OF LAW GOVERNING THE INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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