

BY adding to

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations  
Section 12B to be under the new subheading "Sprinkler  
Systems"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, A properly installed and operating sprinkler system effectively helps to control the spread of fire, thereby allowing more time for evacuation of a building, and helping to reduce fire related injuries, deaths, and property damage; and

WHEREAS, A sprinkler system by itself cannot adequately protect life and property from fire related damage, injury, and death; and

WHEREAS, In addition to and in concert with strategically located fire stations and equipment, adequately staffed fire apparatus and fire departments, and properly trained personnel, the installation of sprinkler systems would have a marked impact on life safety; now, therefore,

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

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

12B.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) "DORMITORY" MEANS A BUILDING OR SPACE IN A BUILDING WHERE GROUP SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS ARE PROVIDED WITH OR WITHOUT MEALS, BUT WITHOUT INDIVIDUAL COOKING FACILITIES, FOR MORE THAN 16 PERSONS NOT MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY GROUP IN 1 ROOM OR IN A SERIES OF CLOSELY ASSOCIATED ROOMS UNDER JOINT OCCUPANCY AND SINGLE MANAGEMENT.

(II) "DORMITORY" INCLUDES A SCHOOL DORMITORY, A FRATERNITY HOUSE, OR A MILITARY BARRACK.

(3) "DWELLING UNIT" MEANS A SINGLE UNIT PROVIDING COMPLETE, INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES FOR 1 OR MORE PERSONS INCLUDING PERMANENT PROVISIONS FOR LIVING, SLEEPING, EATING, COOKING, AND SANITATION.