

VETOES

circumstances; authorizing the adoption of certain standards by local jurisdictions; requiring certain disclosure by a builder under certain circumstances; requiring that installations of certain sprinkler systems meet certain standards; requiring a certain report to be made if a fire occurs in a dwelling equipped with a sprinkler system; and generally relating to the option of installing sprinkler systems in new single-family residential dwellings.

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 and 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) IN THIS SECTION, "SPRINKLER SYSTEM" MEANS A DEVICE THAT:

(1) OPENS AUTOMATICALLY BY OPERATION OF A HEAT RESPONSIVE RELEASING MECHANISM;