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(II) THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT THE EXCEPTION WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE FIRE SAFETY OF THE DWELLING OR ITS OCCUPANTS.

(2) IF AN EXCEPTION TO A REQUIREMENT OF A STATE OR LOCAL FIRE AND BUILDING CODE IS GRANTED OR IS EXPECTED TO BE GRANTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A BUILDER SHALL DISCLOSE THE EXCEPTION TO A PROSPECTIVE BUYER BEFORE THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR:

(I) THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; OR

(II) THE PURCHASE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

(3) THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY NOT GRANT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AN EXCEPTION TO A SMOKE DETECTOR REQUIREMENT.

(F) IF A SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS INSTALLED IN A DWELLING UNIT, A PERSON SHALL REPORT, BY DIALING THE 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, ANY FIRE THAT OCCURS IN THE DWELLING UNIT REGARDLESS OF:

(1) THE SIZE OR SERIOUSNESS OF THE FIRE; OR

(2) WHETHER THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM.

(G) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT PRECLUDE A LOCAL JURISDICTION FROM ADOPTING MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

May 25, 1989

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker: