

HOUSE BILL 1308

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 120, relative to carbon monoxide alarms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(a), is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

() "Approved carbon monoxide alarm":

(A) Means a device, either battery operated or electrical, that detects the presence of carbon monoxide gas and is listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory approved by the federal occupational safety and health administration to test and certify to American National Standards Institute/Underwriters Laboratories Standards ANSI/UL2034 or ANSI/UL2075; and

(B) Includes a combination carbon monoxide alarm and smoke detector if the device does the following:

(i) Complies with ANSI/UL2034 or ANSI/UL2075 for carbon monoxide alarms and ANSI/UL217 for smoke detectors; and

(ii) Emits an alarm in a manner that clearly differentiates between detecting the presence of carbon monoxide and the presence of smoke;

() "Fossil fuel" means coal, kerosene, oil, fuel gases, or other petroleum or hydrocarbon product that emits carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) Own or operate a hotel that has a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace, an attached garage, or other feature, fixture, or element that emits carbon

monoxide as a byproduct of combustion without installing an approved carbon monoxide alarm within ten feet (10') of each room used for sleeping purposes; or

(4) Tamper with or remove any smoke detector or carbon monoxide alarm required by this section, or a component of a smoke detector or carbon monoxide alarm.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(c), is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) All smoke detectors required by this section:

(A) Shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's directions, unless they conflict with applicable law; and

(B) May be wired directly, hardwired, to the building's power supply, powered by a self-monitored battery, or operated with a plug-in outlet fitted with a plug restrainer device; provided, that the outlet is not controlled by any switch other than the main power supply.

(2) All carbon monoxide alarms required by this section:

(A) Shall be installed in accordance with either the standards of the National Fire Protection Association or the manufacturer's directions, unless the standards or directions conflict with applicable law; and

(B) May be wired directly, hardwired, to the building's power supply, powered by a self-monitored battery, or operated with a plug-in outlet fitted with a plug restrainer device; provided, that the outlet is not controlled by any switch other than the main power supply.

(3) This subsection (c) shall apply only to existing buildings. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed and maintained in new buildings in accordance with the applicable building construction safety standards as provided in § 68-120-101.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(d)(2), is amended by adding the language “and carbon monoxide alarm” immediately after the language “smoke detector”.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(10)

(A) Shall require installation of an approved carbon monoxide alarm, as defined in § 68-120-112(a), within ten feet (10') of each room used for sleeping purposes in any construction begun on or after January 1, 2016, that:

(i) Is intended for use as a hotel as defined in § 68-120-112; and

(ii) Has a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace, an attached garage, or other feature, fixture, or element that emits carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion; and

(B) Shall require that carbon monoxide alarms required pursuant to subdivision (a)(10)(A) be wired directly to the building’s power supply with secondary battery backup.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.