



BILL and Amendment SUMMARY

Carbon Monoxide Detectors HF 2310

Status of Bill: On House Calendar
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Background

Current law requires for multiple-unit residential buildings and single family dwellings built after July 1, 1991 for the installation of smoke detectors. For existing homes prior to July 1, 1991 those filing for a homestead tax credit must have an installed smoke detector or a plan to install one within thirty days. There are some exceptions to this law, including a hotel or motel with an automatic smoke detection system approved by the state fire marshal.

Summary

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

House File 2310 directs the state fire marshal to direct rules to administer requirements that are similar to those in place for smoke detectors. All new multi-unit residential buildings and single family dwellings in which construction begins before or after July 1, 2017 or existing single family rental units and multiple –unit residential are required to have a carbon monoxide detector in they have one of the following:

1. Have a fuel fired heater or appliance
2. Attached garage
3. Fireplace

A person who files for the homestead tax credit is required to have a carbon monoxide detector or a plan to have one installed in the next thirty days.

Hearing Impaired Tenant

The owner of a rental property who has a tenant who is hearing impaired is required to produce a light emitting carbon monoxide alarm upon request.

Amendment Summary

H-8037 by Vander Linden

Moves the enacting date to 2018. Clarifies that a carbon monoxide detector meets the standards of the underwriters laboratories or is approved by the state fire marshal. Strikes the provision of a detector being installed within 15 feet of each building used for sleeping and allows for the requirements to be put in rules.

H-8062 by Vander Linden (to SF 2219)

Moves the date back a year for projects to July 1, 2018 instead of July 1, 2017.