

Subject Carbon monoxide alarms in hotels and lodging houses

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Overview

This bill requires carbon monoxide alarms in the sleeping rooms of hotels and lodging houses, with limited exceptions, and requires the building's owner to install those alarms and keep them operational.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Hotel. Adds a definition of "hotel" to the statutes about carbon monoxide alarms.
2	Lodging house. Adds a definition of a "lodging house" to the statutes about carbon monoxide alarms.
3	Generally. Requires that every guest room in a hotel or lodging house have an approved and operational carbon monoxide alarm installed in each room lawfully used for sleeping purposes.
4	Owner's duties. States that the owner of a hotel or lodging house must provide, install, and keep operational any carbon monoxide alarms required by statute.
5	Exceptions; certain multifamily dwellings and state-operated facilities. Allows an exception to the requirement to have an alarm in every sleeping room if a hotel or lodging house instead has a carbon monoxide alarm installed between 15 and 25 feet from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ any carbon monoxide-producing central fixtures and equipment; and▪ anywhere sleeping is expected to take place;▪ and those alarms are linked to a centralized alarm system.

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If there are minimal or no sources of carbon monoxide in a multifamily dwelling, the owner can also claim an exemption to the alarm requirement by certifying to the commissioner of public safety about that lack of risk.



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