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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 12-184**—sHB 5394

*Public Safety and Security Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE  
DETECTORS AND ALARMS IN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS**

**SUMMARY:** This act requires battery-operated smoke detection and warning equipment (smoke detectors) to be temporarily installed in any one or two-family dwelling occupied while undergoing interior alterations or additions under a building permit. It also requires that carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment (CO detectors) be temporarily installed in the area of the work while it is in progress if any fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage is present. The equipment (1) may combine smoke and CO detection technology into a single device and (2) must be of a type or technology tested and certified under standards issued by the American National Standards Institute and Underwriters Laboratories.

The act also allows the construction services commissioner, within available appropriations, to establish a public awareness campaign to promote the installation of CO and smoke detectors in all residential dwellings and educate the public about the dangers of not having such equipment installed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

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