
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6848

AN ACT CONCERNING GAS LEAK DETECTORS IN NEW AND EXISTING CONSTRUCTION.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to amend the State Building Code to require that all buildings be equipped with a gas detector if they (1) use combustible gas and (2) are constructed after the amendment's effective date.

It correspondingly requires the State Fire Marshall to amend the Fire Safety Code to implement this same requirement and extends the requirement to all buildings that use combustible gas within two years after the amendment takes effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

BACKGROUND

State Building Code

By law, the State Building Code is the building code for all towns, cities, boroughs, and state buildings. The law requires the state building inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee, with the approval of the Department of Administrative Services commissioner, to adopt and administer a state building code based on a nationally recognized model building code to regulate the design, construction, and use of buildings or structures. The law requires code revisions to occur within 18 months after the first publication of revisions to the model building code (CGS § 29-252 et seq.).

Fire Safety Code

The Fire Safety Code is based on a nationally recognized model fire code and is revised as needed to incorporate advances in technologies and improvements in construction materials. The law requires code

revisions to occur within 18 months after the first publication of revisions to the model fire code (CGS § 29-292).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/14/2023)