

**Public Safety and Security Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-6683

AN ACT REQUIRING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN EACH ROOM IN A HOTEL, MOTEL OR INN AND CONCERNING DEMOLITION OF SINGLE-

**Title:** FAMILY RESIDENCES.

**Vote Date:** 3/16/2023

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/23/2023

**File No.:** 358

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Public Safety and Security Committee

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill before amendment would have required the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in each room of hotels, motels, or inns. It proposes mandating licensing requirements by the Department of Administrative Services for individuals engaging in the deconstruction or disassembly of a single-family residence. Updates to the demolition licensing requirements addresses discrepancies where individuals do not have to seek a license to demolish single family homes. The adopted amendment scraps the requirement to install carbon monoxide detector in each room of hotels, motels, and inns after testimony revealed these requirements are already in place. The amendment also establishes a task force to study the scenarios in which electric distribution companies should coordinate with local fire departments in events of electricity outages. This will study collaboration between power supplies and local fire departments help promote public safety in the event of power outages.

**SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:**

- The adopted amendment removes section 1 of the raised bill that would've required the installment of carbon monoxide alarms in each room of hotels, motels, and inns. As mentioned, this was viewed as a redundant change as these requirements are already in place.
- The adopted amendment adds section 2, establishing a task force to study how and when electric distribution companies should make local fire departments aware of loss of service to better facilitate public safety and assist the fire departments in protecting their community from danger.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None expressed

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None expressed.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

[Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, Co-Legislative Representatives, Roger Nelson and Walter Summers](#): opposes this bill because new constructions already have this requirement in place. For buildings built before 2006, the power requirements for the detectors would depend on the age of the building, but the placement parameters are still in the code. It is stated that the second part of the bill falls under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal, and the Committee should reach out for clarification on this matter.

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