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***Raised Bill No. 6683***

LCO No. 4124



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-292 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (a) (1) The State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards  
5 Committee shall adopt and administer a Fire Safety Code and at any  
6 time may amend the same in accordance with the provisions of section  
7 29-292a. The code shall be based on nationally recognized model fire  
8 and life safety codes and shall be revised as deemed necessary to  
9 incorporate advances in technologies and improvements in construction  
10 materials and any subsequent revisions to the model fire and life safety  
11 codes not later than eighteen months following the date of first  
12 publication of such revisions, unless the State Fire Marshal and the  
13 committee certify that a revision is not necessary for such purpose. The  
14 code shall provide for reasonable safety from fire, smoke and panic

15 therefrom, in all buildings, structures and areas adjacent to such  
16 buildings and structures, except in private dwellings occupied by one  
17 or two families and upon all premises. The code shall require (A) carbon  
18 monoxide detection and warning equipment in (i) new residential  
19 buildings not exempt under the code and designed to be occupied by  
20 one or two families for which a building permit for new occupancy is  
21 issued on or after October 1, 2005, [and] (ii) all public or nonpublic  
22 school buildings, and (iii) each room of a hotel, motel or inn, and (B)  
23 smoke detection and warning equipment in residential buildings  
24 designed to be occupied by one or more families.

25 (2) The Fire Safety Code shall require each hotel, motel or inn to  
26 install or furnish smoke detection and warning equipment which, when  
27 activated, shall provide a visible alarm suitable to warn occupants, in at  
28 least one per cent of the units or rooms in such establishment having  
29 one hundred or more units or rooms and to install or furnish at least one  
30 such visible alarm in establishments having less than one hundred units  
31 or rooms.

32 Sec. 2. Section 29-402 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

34 (a) As used in this part, the term "license" includes the whole or part  
35 of any permit which the Department of Administrative Services issues  
36 under authority of the general statutes, and which (1) requires persons  
37 to place their names on a list maintained by the department before they  
38 can engage in the business of demolition of buildings, (2) requires a  
39 person to demonstrate competence by examination or other means, and  
40 (3) may be revoked or suspended by the department for cause.

41 (b) No person shall engage in the business of demolition of buildings  
42 without a license obtained from the Department of Administrative  
43 Services. An applicant for an initial license shall file an application with  
44 the Department of Administrative Services, furnish evidence of  
45 expertise and pay a fee of four hundred forty dollars for a class B license  
46 and nine hundred forty dollars for a class A license. Each license shall

47 be valid for twelve months from date of issuance and shall be renewable  
48 on application of the licensee upon payment of an annual fee of two  
49 hundred fifty dollars for a class B license and seven hundred fifty dollars  
50 for a class A license. The department may refuse to issue any such  
51 license for cause, and may revoke or refuse to renew any such license  
52 for failure to carry out and conform to the provisions of this part or to  
53 any regulations adopted hereunder, or for any violation of title 22a. No  
54 person shall be refused a license or a renewal thereof, and no license  
55 shall be revoked, without an opportunity for a hearing conducted by the  
56 Department of Administrative Services in accordance with the  
57 provisions of chapter 54.

58 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) a person who  
59 is engaged in the disassembly, transportation and reconstruction of  
60 historic buildings for historical purposes, in the demolition of farm  
61 buildings, in the renovation, alteration or reconstruction of a single-  
62 family residence or in the disassembly of nonstructural building  
63 materials of a building for the purpose of reusing or recycling such  
64 building materials, (2) the removal of underground petroleum storage  
65 tanks, (3) the burning of a building or structure as part of an organized  
66 fire department training exercise, (4) the deconstruction or disassembly  
67 of swimming pools, or (5) the demolition of [a single-family residence  
68 or] an outbuilding by an owner of such structure if it does not exceed a  
69 height of thirty feet, provided (A) the owner shall be present on site  
70 while such demolition work is in progress and shall be held personally  
71 liable for any injury to individuals or damage to public or private  
72 property caused by such demolition, and (B) such demolition shall be  
73 permitted only with respect to buildings which have clearance from  
74 other structures, roads or highways equal to or greater than the height  
75 of the structure subject to demolition. The local building official may  
76 require additional clearance when deemed necessary for safety.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	29-292(a)

Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	29-402
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require carbon monoxide detectors in rooms in hotels, motels and inns and eliminate an exception for certain single-family residences in the demolition code.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*