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An Act To Expand Maine's Carbon Monoxide Detectors Law

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2468, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 553, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Carbon monoxide detectors required. The owner shall install, or cause to be installed, by the manufacturer's requirements at least one approved carbon monoxide detector in each area within, or giving access to, bedrooms in:

A. ~~Each~~A single-family dwelling; each unit in any building of multifamily occupancy; a hotel, motel, inn or bed and breakfast licensed as an eating and lodging place or a lodging place under Title 22, chapter 562; an educational facility, including a fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory; and a child care facility licensed under Title 22, section 8301-A;

B. Any addition to or restoration of:a structure listed in paragraph A; or

~~(1) An existing single-family dwelling that adds at least one bedroom to the dwelling unit; or~~

~~(2) A fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory established on or after August 1, 2012 that is affiliated with a private or public school or private or public postsecondary institution incorporated or chartered under the laws of this State; or~~

C. Any conversion of a building to:a structure listed in paragraph A.

~~(1) A single-family dwelling;~~

~~(2) A hotel, motel, inn or bed and breakfast upon initial licensure as an eating and lodging place or a lodging place under Title 22, chapter 562 on or after August 1, 2012; or~~

~~(3) A fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory established on or after August 1, 2012 that is affiliated with a private or public school or private or public postsecondary institution incorporated or chartered under the laws of this State.~~

For an existing structure in paragraph A, an owner may use a single-station carbon monoxide detector powered by a nonreplaceable 10-year battery. For any construction of, addition to, restoration of or conversion of a building to a structure in paragraph A, the carbon monoxide detector must be powered

both by the electrical service in the building or dwelling and by battery. For purposes of this subsection, a "single-station carbon monoxide detector" means a stand-alone carbon monoxide detector that is not connected in a network with at least one other carbon monoxide detector.

SUMMARY

This bill adds existing single-family dwellings, hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, certain other lodging places, fraternity houses, sorority houses, dormitories and child care facilities to the list of structures required to install carbon monoxide detectors, which may be powered by a nonreplaceable 10-year battery. In the event of any construction of, addition to, restoration of or conversion of a building to one of these structures, the owner is required to install a carbon monoxide detector that is powered by both the electrical service in the building or dwelling and by battery.