



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2013

---

Legislative Document

No. 593

---

H.P. 412

House of Representatives, February 21, 2013

---

### **An Act To Require That Carbon Monoxide Detectors Be Installed inside Educational Facilities**

---

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative WERTS of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: GILBERT of Jay, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MAKER of Calais, NADEAU of  
Winslow, PEASE of Morrill, POWERS of Naples, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Senator:  
CRAVEN of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2468, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Carbon monoxide detectors in educational facilities.** The owner of an  
4 educational facility shall install, or cause to be installed:

5 A. In an educational facility existing on the effective date of this subsection, carbon  
6 monoxide detectors:

7 (1) On the ceiling of any room containing a permanently installed fuel-burning  
8 appliance;

9 (2) In a central location of every habitable level; and

10 (3) In each part of the facility that is on an individually controlled zone of a  
11 heating, ventilation or air conditioning system.

12 Carbon monoxide detectors installed pursuant to this paragraph must be installed  
13 according to manufacturer's specifications and may be powered by any method that is  
14 in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard 720 or a successor  
15 standard; and

16 B. After the effective date of this subsection, in an educational facility constructed or  
17 substantially renovated, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15908-A, subsection 1, a  
18 building converted to an educational facility or an addition exceeding 3,000 square  
19 feet to an educational facility, carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment.  
20 The carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment must be installed in  
21 accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard 720 or a successor  
22 standard.

23 For purposes of this subsection, "educational facility" means a structure used for  
24 elementary or secondary education by at least 6 persons for at least 4 hours per day or  
25 more than 12 hours per week. "Educational facility" includes portable, temporary  
26 classroom space as defined in Title 20-A, section 15672, subsection 21-B.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires carbon monoxide detectors or carbon monoxide detection and  
29 warning equipment to be installed in educational facilities, defined as structures used for  
30 elementary or secondary education. The owner of an existing educational facility is  
31 required to install carbon monoxide detectors in specific areas of the facility. The owner  
32 of an educational facility constructed or substantially renovated or to which an addition in  
33 excess of 3,000 square feet is made after the effective date of this legislation is required  
34 to install carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment.