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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MAY 26, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act to provide for the safety of persons
3 employed, housed, or assembled in certain buildings and
4 structures not in cities of the first class, second class,
5 and second class A, by requiring certain construction and
6 ways of egress, equipment, and maintenance; providing for the
7 licensing of projectionists, except in cities of the first
8 class and second class; requiring the submission of plans for
9 examination and approval; providing for the promulgation of
10 rules and regulations for the enforcement of this act;
11 providing for the enforcement of this act by the Department
12 of Labor and Industry and, in certain cases, by the chiefs of
13 fire departments in cities of the third class; providing
14 penalties for violations of the provisions of this act; and
15 repealing certain acts," providing for specialized smoke
16 detectors for the deaf and hearing impaired in lodging
17 houses, hotels and motels.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. The act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299),
21 referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, is amended by adding a
22 section to read:

23 Section 3.1. Smoke Detectors for the Hearing Impaired.--In
24 addition to such other rules and regulations as the Department

1 of Labor and Industry shall adopt relating to the locations,
2 types and number of smoke detectors required in the several
3 classes of buildings covered by this act, it shall require that
4 specialized smoke detectors for the deaf or hearing impaired, of
5 a type approved by the department, be made available in public
6 lodging houses, hotels and motels for the use of such guests as
7 shall request and have need of their use. Notice of the
8 availability of specialized smoke detectors for the deaf and
9 hearing impaired shall be posted in the area of guest
10 registration. The lodging house, hotel or motel shall maintain
11 at least one such specialized smoke detector for each fifty
12 dwelling units, with a maximum of ten and a minimum of two
13 specialized smoke detectors for each such lodging house, hotel
14 or motel. Guests shall not be charged for the use of such
15 specialized smoke detectors, but a refundable deposit may be
16 required for their use. The Department of Labor and Industry
17 shall, by regulation, determine the lodging houses to which this
18 section shall be applicable.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.