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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 18, 1981

AN ACT

1 Requiring the installation and maintenance of smoke detectors in
2 CERTAIN hotels and motels; conferring powers and imposing <—
3 duties on ~~the Department of Labor and Industry and~~ local fire <—
4 departments and fire companies.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The person in charge of each hotel or motel shall
8 cause to be installed in each room provided for guests, STORAGE <—
9 ROOM OR INTERIOR COMMON AREA a home type smoke detector approved
10 by Underwriters Laboratories, FACTORY MUTUAL, OR OTHER TESTING <—
11 LABORATORIES APPROVED BY THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY. Such smoke detectors shall be battery
13 operated. ~~and shall be equipped with a light of sufficient~~ <—
14 ~~illumination that a person can see the direction to the nearest~~
15 ~~fire exit.~~ The person in charge of each hotel or motel shall
16 designate employees to test each smoke detector at least once

1 each month and who shall keep a record of such inspection,
2 noting the date of inspection, the location of the smoke
3 detector and any remarks concerning the operational integrity of
4 the smoke detector. ~~Such records may be inspected at any time by~~ <—
5 ~~the Department of Labor and Industry.~~ Each guest room shall have
6 a sign affixed to the inside of the door, midway between the
7 floor and ceiling indicating the direction to the nearest fire
8 exit.

9 Section 2. Each hallway shall be equipped with a commercial
10 type smoke detector approved by Underwriters Laboratories, <—
11 FACTORY MUTUAL, OR OTHER TESTING LABORATORIES APPROVED BY THE
12 INDUSTRIAL BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY and
13 which shall be equipped with a standby power source. ~~and with a~~ <—
14 ~~light of sufficient illumination that a person can see~~
15 ~~directions to the nearest fire exit.~~ Such smoke detectors shall
16 be inspected and ~~labeled~~ TAGGED annually by the fire department <—
17 or fire company which protects the area in which the hotel or
18 motel is located. Such fire department or fire company may
19 charge a fee to the hotel or motel which shall be equal to the
20 reasonable cost of making the inspection and ~~labeling~~ TAGGING <—
21 AND SHALL NOT EXCEED \$25 PER MAN-HOUR.

22 Section 3. When this act becomes operative as to any hotel
23 or motel the person in charge thereof shall cause to be
24 prominently displayed a notice to patrons that this facility is
25 equipped with smoke detectors, commencing on the first day on
26 which the system becomes operational and ceasing on the last day
27 of the sixtieth month after enactment.

28 Section 4. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of
29 a hotel or motel or for any other person acting on behalf of any
30 hotel or motel, as to which this act has become operative to

1 apply for any building permit, occupancy permit or financial
2 assistance from any State or local authority, unless such hotel
3 or motel OR THE PLANS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION OR REFURBISHMENT is <—
4 in full compliance with this act. ~~as determined by the~~ <—
5 ~~Department of Labor and Industry.~~ A PERSON VIOLATING THE <—
6 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A SUMMARY OFFENSE.
7 EVERY DAY'S VIOLATION SHALL BE A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

8 Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately but
9 shall not become operative to any hotel or motel having 49 or
10 less guest rooms until ~~24~~ 48 months after final enactment, nor <—
11 to any hotel having 50 to 149 guest rooms until ~~18~~ 36 months <—
12 after final enactment, nor to any hotel or motel having 150 or
13 more guest rooms until ~~12~~ 24 months after final enactment. <—

14 SECTION 6. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL NOT BE <—
15 APPLICABLE IN ANY CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS, CITY OF THE SECOND
16 CLASS OR CITY OF THE SECOND CLASS A, NOR TO ANY HOTEL OR MOTEL
17 WHICH HAS A SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN OPERATION IN EACH GUEST ROOM,
18 STORAGE ROOM OR INTERIOR COMMON AREA.