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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
108TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2195, L.D. 2178, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Installation of Smoke and Heat Detection Systems in Certain Hotels."

Amend the bill in the title by inserting at the end, before the period, the following: 'and Residences'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end, before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2464 is enacted to read:

§2464. Home fire detection systems

1. Fire detection systems required. Every residential building constructed or substantially rehabilitated after January 1, 1979 and which includes a sleeping area shall have installed within 10' of any regular sleeping area an approved smoke detector. "Substantially rehabilitated" shall mean any improvement costing 25% or more of the appraised value of the structure after completion of the improvement.

The State Fire Marshal shall publish an annual list of fire detectors approved for use under this section. The detector shall conform to the current edition of the National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet #74 and shall be listed by a national testing agency such as Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., Factory Mutual.

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2. Penalties. Any person or corporation who fails to install an approved fire detection system as required by this section, or who disconnects or knowingly fails to maintain an installed fire detection system, shall be guilty of a Class D offense; provided that the fine imposed for disconnecting any fire detection system shall be in accordance with subsection 3. Any person or corporation who violates any rule or regulation promulgated by the Commissioner of Public Safety under this section shall be guilty of a Class E offense for each violation.

3. Disconnection. Any person or corporation who disconnects any fire detection system required under this section shall be punished by a fine of \$15 per day for each day the system is disconnected.

4. Enforcement. All fire inspectors of residential dwellings shall be authorized to enforce this section. '

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require builders to install fire detection systems in every residential dwelling constructed after January 1, 1979. Home fire detection systems should significantly reduce the number of deaths caused by nighttime fires and should also greatly lower fire damage to residential property.

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