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SENATE AMENDMENT " C " 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 by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT Relating to the Installation of Smoke, Heat or Fire Detection Systems in Certain Hotels.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'25 MRSA §2463, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, §85, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2463. Installation of sprinkler systems and smoke, heat or fire detection systems

All new hotels constructed after September 23, 1971, of any type construction, other than fire resistive as defined in the current edition of National Fire Protection Association #220, Standard Types of Building Construction, having 2 stories or more above grade level, shall be protected by a complete approved automatic sprinkler system.

All other hotels having 2 stories or more above grade level shall be protected by a complete approved smoke, heat or fire detection system operated by electrical current or powered by batteries by July 1, 1981.

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The State Fire Marshal , or his designee, shall inspect all systems installed pursuant to this section and shall approve all systems which comply with this section, except that when the hotel is located in a municipality which as a municipal fire department or incorporated volunteer fire department, that department shall be responsible for the inspection and approval of the systems.

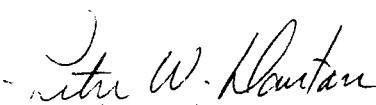
The term "hotel" shall include buildings or groups of buildings under the same management in which there are more than 15 sleeping rooms for hire, primarily used by transients who are lodged with or without meals, whether designated as a hotel, inn, club, motel or by any other name. So-called apartment hotels shall be classified as hotels because they are potentially subject to transient occupancy like that of hotels.

Any person or corporation violating this section shall be guilty of a Class E crime.¹

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the language of the bill by clearly stating that the detection system be a heat, smoke or fire detection system operated by electrical current or powered by batteries.

The amendment also provides that in municipalities which have a municipal fire department or in incorporated volunteer fire department, the inspection and approval of the systems shall be done by that department. This will avoid placing too great a burden on the State Fire Marshal.


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