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An Act To Expand Maine's Carbon Monoxide Detectors Law

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TIMMONS of Cumberland and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DUTREMBLE of York, McCORMICK of Kennebec,
ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LONG
of Sherman, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2468, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 553, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Carbon monoxide detectors required.** The owner shall install, or cause to be
5 installed, by the manufacturer's requirements at least one approved carbon monoxide
6 detector in each area within, or giving access to, bedrooms in:

7 A. ~~Each~~ A single-family dwelling; each unit in any building of multifamily
8 occupancy; a hotel, motel, inn or bed and breakfast licensed as an eating and lodging
9 place or a lodging place under Title 22, chapter 562; an educational facility, including
10 a fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory; and a child care facility licensed
11 under Title 22, section 8301-A;

12 B. Any addition to or restoration of: a structure listed in paragraph A; or

13 ~~(1) An existing single family dwelling that adds at least one bedroom to the~~
14 ~~dwelling unit; or~~

15 ~~(2) A fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory established on or after August~~
16 ~~1, 2012 that is affiliated with a private or public school or private or public~~
17 ~~postsecondary institution incorporated or chartered under the laws of this State;~~
18 ~~or~~

19 C. Any conversion of a building to: a structure listed in paragraph A.

20 ~~(1) A single family dwelling;~~

21 ~~(2) A hotel, motel, inn or bed and breakfast upon initial licensure as an eating~~
22 ~~and lodging place or a lodging place under Title 22, chapter 562 on or after~~
23 ~~August 1, 2012; or~~

24 ~~(3) A fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory established on or after August~~
25 ~~1, 2012 that is affiliated with a private or public school or private or public~~
26 ~~postsecondary institution incorporated or chartered under the laws of this State.~~

27 A For an existing structure in paragraph A, an owner may use a single-station carbon
28 monoxide detector powered by a nonreplaceable 10-year battery. For any construction of,
29 addition to, restoration of or conversion of a building to a structure in paragraph A, the
30 carbon monoxide detector must be powered both by the electrical service in the building
31 or dwelling and by battery. For purposes of this subsection, a "single-station carbon
32 monoxide detector" means a stand-alone carbon monoxide detector that is not connected
33 in a network with at least one other carbon monoxide detector.

34 SUMMARY

35 This bill adds existing single-family dwellings, hotels, motels, inns, bed and
36 breakfasts, certain other lodging places, fraternity houses, sorority houses, dormitories
37 and child care facilities to the list of structures required to install carbon monoxide
38 detectors, which may be powered by a nonreplaceable 10-year battery. In the event of
39 any construction of, addition to, restoration of or conversion of a building to one of these

1 structures, the owner is required to install a carbon monoxide detector that is powered by
2 both the electrical service in the building or dwelling and by battery.