

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-75-2017

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Committee: HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Date: 9/19/2017

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Toles, Taveras, Franklin, Harrison and Turner).

Staff provided a summary of the legislation and referral comments that were received. CB-75-2017 amends the Prince George's County code to revise installation requirements for carbon monoxide detectors in hotels and motels to align County requirements for these occupancies with State Law. Revised Code Section 11-295 will require carbon monoxide detection to be provided in accordance with Section 12-1104 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated code of Maryland and require detectors — be placed in a central location outside of each sleeping area within a dwelling.

Owners of new or existing dormitories shall install carbon monoxide detectors in accordance with the revised provisions. Sellers of family residential dwellings, multi-family apartment houses, hotel and motels, undergoing a sale or transfer of ownership, shall also be responsible for the installation of carbon monoxide detectors before or at the time of transfer of ownership.

A representative from the Office of the Fire Marshal supports CB-75-2017; indicating that while Section 11-295 as currently written provides a safe arrangement; in certain situations it requires more carbon monoxide detectors than are needed to ensure the safety of occupants.

A Council Member raised a question regarding the compliance of dormitories relative to CB-75-2017. The Office of the Fire Marshal's representative indicated that very few dormitories in the County falls under the jurisdiction of the County. Dormitories on State owned college campus are inspected by the Maryland State Fire Marshal.

The County Executive's supports CB-75-2017 as currently written.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicates that there will not be an adverse impact as a result of adopting CB-75-2017.

The Office of Law determines that CB-75-2017 is in proper legislative form.