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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2962

02/11/2020 Authored by Cantrell The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to labor and industry; requiring carbon monoxide detectors in hotel and
1.3 motel rooms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 299F.51.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 299F.51, is amended to read:

1.6 299F.51 REQUIREMENTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Generally. Every ~~single family~~ single-family dwelling ~~and every~~ dwelling
1.8 unit in a multifamily dwelling; and guest room in a hotel or lodging house as defined under
1.9 section 299F.362, subdivision 1, paragraphs (d) and (e); must have an approved and
1.10 operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within ten feet of each room lawfully used for
1.11 sleeping purposes.

1.12 Subd. 2. Owner's duties. The owner of a multifamily dwelling unit, hotel, or lodging
1.13 house which is required to be equipped with one or more approved carbon monoxide alarms
1.14 must:

1.15 (1) provide and install one approved and operational carbon monoxide alarm within ten
1.16 feet of each room lawfully used for sleeping; and

1.17 (2) replace any required carbon monoxide alarm that has been stolen, removed, found
1.18 missing, or rendered inoperable during a prior occupancy of the dwelling unit and which
1.19 has not been replaced by the prior occupant prior to the commencement of a new occupancy
1.20 of a dwelling unit.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Occupant's duties.** The occupant of each dwelling unit in a multifamily dwelling  
2.2 in which an approved and operational carbon monoxide alarm has been provided and installed  
2.3 by the owner must:

2.4 (1) keep and maintain the device in good repair; and

2.5 (2) replace any device that is stolen, removed, missing, or rendered inoperable during  
2.6 the occupancy of the dwelling unit.

2.7 Subd. 4. **Battery removal prohibited.** No person shall remove batteries from, or in any  
2.8 way render inoperable, a required carbon monoxide alarm.

2.9 Subd. 5. **Exceptions; certain multifamily dwellings and state-operated facilities.** (a)  
2.10 In lieu of requirements of subdivision 1, a multifamily dwelling, hotel, or lodging  
2.11 house may have approved and operational carbon monoxide alarms installed between 15  
2.12 and 25 feet of carbon monoxide-producing central fixtures and equipment, provided there  
2.13 is a centralized alarm system or other mechanism for responsible parties to hear the alarm  
2.14 at all times.

2.15 (b) An owner of a multifamily dwelling, hotel, or lodging house that contains minimal  
2.16 or no sources of carbon monoxide may be exempted from the requirements of subdivision  
2.17 1, provided that such owner certifies to the commissioner of public safety that such  
2.18 ~~multifamily~~ dwelling poses no foreseeable carbon monoxide risk to the health and safety  
2.19 of the dwelling units or guest rooms.

2.20 (c) The requirements of this section do not apply to facilities owned or operated by the  
2.21 state of Minnesota.