

# SB3701



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

425 ILCS 60/3

from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 803

Amends the Smoke Detector Act. Removes language providing that specified smoke detector requirements shall not apply to dwelling units and hotels within municipalities with a population over 1,000,000 inhabitants.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Smoke Detector Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 3 as follows:

6 (425 ILCS 60/3) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 803)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 100-200)

8 Sec. 3. (a) Every dwelling unit or hotel shall be equipped  
9 with at least one approved smoke detector in an operating  
10 condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping  
11 purposes. The detector shall be installed on the ceiling and at  
12 least 6 inches from any wall, or on a wall located between 4  
13 and 6 inches from the ceiling.

14 (b) Every single family residence shall have at least one  
15 approved smoke detector installed on every story of the  
16 dwelling unit, including basements but not including  
17 unoccupied attics. In dwelling units with split levels, a smoke  
18 detector installed on the upper level shall suffice for the  
19 adjacent lower level if the lower level is less than one full  
20 story below the upper level; however, if there is an  
21 intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke detector  
22 shall be installed on each level.

23 (c) Every structure which (1) contains more than one

1 dwelling unit, or (2) contains at least one dwelling unit and  
2 is a mixed-use structure, shall contain at least one approved  
3 smoke detector at the uppermost ceiling of each interior  
4 stairwell. The detector shall be installed on the ceiling, at  
5 least 6 inches from the wall, or on a wall located between 4  
6 and 6 inches from the ceiling.

7 (d) It shall be the responsibility of the owner of a  
8 structure to supply and install all required detectors. The  
9 owner shall be responsible for making reasonable efforts to  
10 test and maintain detectors in common stairwells and hallways.  
11 It shall be the responsibility of a tenant to test and to  
12 provide general maintenance for the detectors within the  
13 tenant's dwelling unit or rooming unit, and to notify the owner  
14 or the authorized agent of the owner in writing of any  
15 deficiencies which the tenant cannot correct. The owner shall  
16 be responsible for providing one tenant per dwelling unit with  
17 written information regarding detector testing and  
18 maintenance.

19 The tenant shall be responsible for replacement of any  
20 required batteries in the smoke detectors in the tenant's  
21 dwelling unit, except that the owner shall ensure that such  
22 batteries are in operating condition at the time the tenant  
23 takes possession of the dwelling unit. The tenant shall provide  
24 the owner or the authorized agent of the owner with access to  
25 the dwelling unit to correct any deficiencies in the smoke  
26 detector which have been reported in writing to the owner or

1 the authorized agent of the owner.

2 (e) The requirements of this Section shall apply to any  
3 dwelling unit in existence on July 1, 1988, beginning on that  
4 date. Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g), the smoke  
5 detectors required in such dwelling units may be either battery  
6 powered or wired into the structure's AC power line, and need  
7 not be interconnected.

8 (f) In the case of any dwelling unit that is newly  
9 constructed, reconstructed, or substantially remodelled after  
10 December 31, 1987, the requirements of this Section shall apply  
11 beginning on the first day of occupancy of the dwelling unit  
12 after such construction, reconstruction or substantial  
13 remodelling. The smoke detectors required in such dwelling unit  
14 shall be permanently wired into the structure's AC power line,  
15 and if more than one detector is required to be installed  
16 within the dwelling unit, the detectors shall be wired so that  
17 the actuation of one detector will actuate all the detectors in  
18 the dwelling unit.

19 In the case of any dwelling unit that is newly constructed,  
20 reconstructed, or substantially remodeled on or after January  
21 1, 2011, smoke detectors permanently wired into the structure's  
22 AC power line must also maintain an alternative back-up power  
23 source, which may be either a battery or batteries or an  
24 emergency generator.

25 (g) Every hotel shall be equipped with operational portable  
26 smoke-detecting alarm devices for the deaf and hearing impaired

1 of audible and visual design, available for units of occupancy.

2 Specialized smoke-detectors for the deaf and hearing  
3 impaired shall be available upon request by guests in such  
4 hotels at a rate of at least one such smoke detector per 75  
5 occupancy units or portions thereof, not to exceed 5 such smoke  
6 detectors per hotel. Incorporation or connection into an  
7 existing interior alarm system, so as to be capable of being  
8 activated by the system, may be utilized in lieu of the  
9 portable alarms.

10 Operators of any hotel shall post conspicuously at the main  
11 desk a permanent notice, in letters at least 3 inches in  
12 height, stating that smoke detector alarm devices for the deaf  
13 and hearing impaired are available. The proprietor may require  
14 a refundable deposit for a portable smoke detector not to  
15 exceed the cost of the detector.

16 (g-5) A hotel, as defined in this Act, shall be responsible  
17 for installing and maintaining smoke detecting equipment.

18 (h) Compliance with an applicable federal, State or local  
19 law or building code which requires the installation and  
20 maintenance of smoke detectors in a manner different from this  
21 Section, but providing a level of safety for occupants which is  
22 equal to or greater than that provided by this Section, shall  
23 be deemed to be in compliance with this Section, and the  
24 requirements of such more stringent law shall govern over the  
25 requirements of this Section.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-1292, eff. 1-1-11; 97-447, eff. 1-1-12.)

1 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 100-200)

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20 (e) The requirements of this Section shall apply to any  
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22 date. Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g), the smoke  
23 detectors required in such dwelling units may be either:  
24 battery powered provided the battery is a self-contained,  
25 non-removable, long term battery, or wired into the structure's  
26 AC power line, and need not be interconnected.

1           (1) The battery requirements of this Section shall  
2           apply to battery powered smoke detectors that: (A) are in  
3           existence and exceed 10 years from the date of their being  
4           manufactured; (B) fails to respond to operability tests or  
5           otherwise malfunctions; or (C) are newly installed.

6           (2) The battery requirements of this Section do not  
7           apply to: (A) a fire alarm, smoke detector, smoke alarm, or  
8           ancillary component that is electronically connected as a  
9           part of a centrally monitored or supervised alarm system;  
10          (B) a fire alarm, smoke detector, smoke alarm, or ancillary  
11          component that uses: (i) a low-power radio frequency  
12          wireless communication signal, or (ii) Wi-Fi or other  
13          wireless Local Area Networking capability to send and  
14          receive notifications to and from the Internet, such as  
15          early low battery warnings before the device reaches a  
16          critical low power level; or (C) such other devices as the  
17          State Fire Marshal shall designate through its regulatory  
18          process.

19          (f) In the case of any dwelling unit that is newly  
20          constructed, reconstructed, or substantially remodelled after  
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11 (i) (Blank). ~~The requirements of this Section shall not~~  
12 ~~apply to dwelling units and hotels within municipalities with a~~  
13 ~~population over 1,000,000 inhabitants.~~

14 (Source: P.A. 100-200, eff. 1-1-23.)

15 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
16 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
17 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
18 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
19 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
20 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
21 Public Act.