

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 Facilities Requiring Smoke Detectors Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (425 ILCS 10/2) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 822)

7 Sec. 2. (a) Every facility shall be equipped with at least  
8 one approved smoke detector in an operating condition within 15  
9 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. The detector  
10 shall be installed on the ceiling and at least 6 inches from  
11 any wall, or on a wall located between 4 and 6 inches from the  
12 ceiling.

13 (b) Every facility shall have at least one approved smoke  
14 detector installed on every story of the facility, including  
15 basements but not including unoccupied attics; provided that  
16 there shall be at least one detector at the beginning and at  
17 the end of each separate corridor or hallway 200 feet or more  
18 in length in any occupied story, including basements.

19 (c) Every facility shall have at least one approved smoke  
20 detector at the uppermost ceiling of each interior stairwell,  
21 except in fire resistive structures. The detector shall be  
22 installed on the ceiling, at least 6 inches from the wall, or  
23 on a wall located between 4 and 6 inches from the ceiling.

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

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

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

24 (f) Compliance with an applicable federal, State or local  
25 law, rule or building code which requires the installation and  
26 maintenance of smoke detectors in a manner different from this

1 Section, but providing a level of safety for occupants which is  
2 equal to or greater than that provided by this Section, shall  
3 be deemed to be compliance with this Section, and the  
4 requirements of such more stringent law shall govern over the  
5 requirements of this Section.

6 (g) In the case of a facility subject to this Act, the  
7 provisions of this Act shall be enforced by the State agency  
8 which licenses that facility. The State licensing agency may  
9 suspend the facility's license for a violation of this Act  
10 where appropriate.

11 (Source: P.A. 85-936.)

12 Section 10. The Smoke Detector Act is amended by changing  
13 Section 3 as follows:

14 (425 ILCS 60/3) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 803)

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

21 (b) Every single family residence shall have at least one  
22 approved smoke detector installed on every story of the  
23 dwelling unit, including basements but not including  
24 unoccupied attics. In dwelling units with split levels, a smoke

1 detector installed on the upper level shall suffice for the  
2 adjacent lower level if the lower level is less than one full  
3 story below the upper level; however, if there is an  
4 intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke detector  
5 shall be installed on each level.

6 (c) Every structure which (1) contains more than one  
7 dwelling unit, or (2) contains at least one dwelling unit and  
8 is a mixed-use structure, shall contain at least one approved  
9 smoke detector at the uppermost ceiling of each interior  
10 stairwell. The detector shall be installed on the ceiling, at  
11 least 6 inches from the wall, or on a wall located between 4  
12 and 6 inches from the ceiling.

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

25 The tenant shall be responsible for replacement of any  
26 required batteries in the smoke detectors in the tenant's

1 dwelling unit, except that the owner shall ensure that such  
2 batteries are in operating condition at the time the tenant  
3 takes possession of the dwelling unit. The tenant shall provide  
4 the owner or the authorized agent of the owner with access to  
5 the dwelling unit to correct any deficiencies in the smoke  
6 detector which have been reported in writing to the owner or  
7 the authorized agent of the owner.

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

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

25 In the case of any dwelling unit that is newly constructed,  
26 reconstructed, or substantially remodeled on or after January

1 1, 2011, smoke detectors permanently wired into the structure's  
2 AC power line must also maintain an alternative back-up power  
3 source, which may be either a battery or batteries or an  
4 emergency generator.

5 (g) Every hotel shall be equipped with operational portable  
6 smoke-detecting alarm devices for the deaf and hearing impaired  
7 of audible and visual design, available for units of occupancy.

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

16 Operators of any hotel shall post conspicuously at the main  
17 desk a permanent notice, in letters at least 3 inches in  
18 height, stating that smoke detector alarm devices for the deaf  
19 and hearing impaired are available. The proprietor may require  
20 a refundable deposit for a portable smoke detector not to  
21 exceed the cost of the detector.

22 (h) Compliance with an applicable federal, State or local  
23 law or building code which requires the installation and  
24 maintenance of smoke detectors in a manner different from this  
25 Section, but providing a level of safety for occupants which is  
26 equal to or greater than that provided by this Section, shall

1 be deemed to be in compliance with this Section, and the  
2 requirements of such more stringent law shall govern over the  
3 requirements of this Section.

4 (Source: P.A. 85-1404.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
6 1, 2011.