

55:13A-7.1 and 55:13A-7.2

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Smoke detectors and alarms--require installation in hotels and mutiple dwellings)

WJSA 55:13A-7.1 and 55:13A-7.2

LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 419

Bill No. A1694

Sponsor(s) Fortunato and others

Date Introduced Oct. 5, 1980

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense  
Commerce, Industry and Professions

Senate County and Municipal Government

Amended during passage

Yes

Assembly committee substitute (OCR) enacted

Date of Passage: Assembly July 9, 1979

Senate Dec. 7, 1979

Date of approval Feb. 8, 1980

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes

Senate Yes

Fiscal Note Yes

Veto message Yes

Message on signing Yes

Following were printed:

Reports  No

Hearings  No

Do Not Remove From Library

8/1/73  
EJ

2-8-80

[OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT]  
 ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1694**  
 with Senate committee amendment adopted December 6, 1979

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ADOPTED JUNE 28, 1979

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law," approved May 31, 1967 (P. L. 1967, c. 76; C. 55:13A-1 et seq.) as said short title was amended by P. L. 1970, c. 138.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
 2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Every hotel and multiple dwelling shall be equipped with  
 2 smoke detectors or smoke alarms or both in conformance with rules  
 3 and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of the Depart-  
 4 ment of Community Affairs. Such rules and regulations shall  
 5 specify the number, location, specifications, maintenance and peri-  
 6 odic testing of smoke detectors and smoke alarms based upon the  
 7 construction, size and design of such building, and any other rules  
 8 and regulations which the commissioner considers necessary for  
 9 the administration of this supplemental act.

1 2. Nothing in this supplemental act shall permit the adoption  
 2 of any code or standard which exceeds the standards adopted under  
 3 the "State Uniform Construction Code Act," (P. L. 1975, c. 217;  
 4 C. 52:27D-119 et seq.).

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately \***[except that the com-**  
 2 **missioner shall permit a reasonable time for compliance]**\* \*, *but*  
 3 *shall remain inoperative until 60 days after the promulgation by*  
 4 *the commissioner of the rules and regulations required pursuant*  
 5 *to this act\*.*

**EXPLANATION**—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1694

---

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

---

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 5, 1978

By Assemblyman FORTUNATO, Assemblywoman GARVIN, Assemblymen THOMPSON, SHAPIRO and BAER

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT to supplement the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law" approved May 31, 1967 (P. L. 1967, c. 76; C. 55:13A-1 et seq.) as said short title was amended by P. L. 1970, c. 138.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Smoke detectors of a type approved by the department shall  
2 be installed in all designated sleeping rooms, at the bottom of each  
3 staircase on every floor, and in proximity to all elevator entrances  
4 on every floor of all hotels and multiple dwellings.

1 2. A fire extinguisher of a type approved by the department  
2 shall be installed in an accessible place in every wing and floor  
3 where sleeping accommodations are located in hotels and multiple  
4 dwellings.

1 3. Violators of this act shall be liable to fines levied by the com-  
2 missioner pursuant to section 19 (C. 55:13A-19) of the "Hotel and  
3 Multiple Dwelling Law."

1 4. This act shall take effect 90 days after enactment.

---

### STATEMENT

This bill provides for the installation of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in key areas in hotels (10 units or more) and multiple dwellings (3 dwelling units or more). Such devices will provide protection to those units not previously protected and a useful supplement to existing sprinkler and fire alarm systems presently required in some of those dwellings.

---

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1694**

---

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

---

DATED: JUNE 28, 1979

This bill supplements the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law" and requires that every hotel and multiple dwelling be equipped with smoke detectors or smoke alarms or both as required by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. The rules and regulations to be issued by the commissioner will specify the number, location, specifications, maintenance and periodic testing of smoke detectors and smoke alarms. These regulations cannot be more stringent than those in effect for hotels and multiple dwellings constructed, reconstructed or converted since January of 1977 under the "State Uniform Construction Code."

---

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1694**  
with Senate committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 1979

The Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 1694 supplements the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law" and requires that every hotel and multiple dwelling be equipped with smoke detectors or smoke alarms or both as required by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. The rules and regulations to be issued by the commissioner will specify the number, location, specifications, maintenance and periodic testing of smoke detectors and smoke alarms. These regulations cannot be more stringent than those in effect for hotels and multiple dwellings constructed, reconstructed or converted since January of 1977 under the "State Uniform Construction Code."

The Senate Committee amendment clarifies the effective date of the bill. The bill as received by the committee stated that the legislation would "take effect immediately except that the commissioner shall permit a reasonable time for compliance." This seemed rather vague. The amendment provides that the act would take effect immediately, but remain inoperative until 60 days after the promulgation of the rules and regulations of the commissioner.