



**Substitute House Bill No. 5394**

**Public Act No. 12-184**

**AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE  
DETECTORS AND ALARMS IN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Whenever any private residential dwelling designed to be occupied by one or two families is occupied during interior alterations or additions requiring a building permit, the temporary installation of battery-operated smoke detection and warning equipment and, if there is a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage present, battery-operated carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment shall be required in the vicinity of, and during the performance of, such alterations or additions. Such equipment shall be of a type or technology that is tested and certified pursuant to standards issued by the American National Standards Institute or Underwriters Laboratories. Such equipment may combine smoke and carbon monoxide detection technology into a single device.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) The Commissioner of Construction Services may establish, within available appropriations, a public awareness campaign to educate the public concerning the dangers of not having smoke and carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment in residential dwellings and to promote the

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installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detection and warning  
equipment in all residential dwellings.