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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, JANUARY 16, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in departmental powers and  
4 duties as to licensing, providing for carbon monoxide alarm  
5 standards in child care centers and family child care homes.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known  
9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to  
10 read:

11 Section 1017. Carbon Monoxide Alarm Standards in Child Care  
12 Centers and Family Child Care Homes.--(a) Within eighteen  
13 months of the effective date of this subsection, each building  
14 in which a child care center or family child care home is in  
15 operation, which uses a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance,  
16 fireplace or attached garage, must have an operational,  
17 centrally located and approved carbon monoxide alarm that is  
18 installed:

1 (1) in the vicinity of the fossil-fuel-burning heater or  
2 appliance, fireplace or attached garage; and

3 (2) in every unit that is located on the same story as the  
4 fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or attached  
5 garage.

6 (b) The department may take enforcement action against a  
7 child care center or family child care home for a violation of  
8 subsection (a) in accordance with Article IX, this article and  
9 applicable regulations.

10 (c) Within twelve months of the effective date of this  
11 subsection, the department shall provide written notice of the  
12 requirements under this section to each child care center or  
13 family child care home.

14 (d) Nothing in this section is intended to modify the  
15 authority and responsibilities of the Department of Labor and  
16 Industry under the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45),  
17 known as the "Pennsylvania Construction Code Act."

18 (e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
19 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
20 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

21 "Approved carbon monoxide alarm" includes:

22 (1) A single or multiple station carbon monoxide alarm  
23 listed as complying with the Standard for Single and Multiple  
24 Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms (ANSI/UL2034) or a carbon  
25 monoxide detector listed as complying with the Standard for Gas  
26 and Vapor Detectors and Sensors (ANSI/UL2075) installed in  
27 accordance with this section.

28 (2) A device that may be combined with a smoke alarm or  
29 smoke detector if the combined smoke alarm or smoke detector  
30 meets all of the following:

1 (i) Complies with either of the following:

2 (A) The Standard for Single and Multiple Station Carbon  
3 Monoxide Alarms (ANSI/UL2034) for carbon monoxide alarms and the  
4 Standard for Single and Multiple Station Smoke Alarms  
5 (ANSI/UL217) for smoke alarms.

6 (B) The Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors  
7 (ANSI/UL2075) for carbon monoxide detectors and the Standard for  
8 Safety for Smoke Detectors for Fire Alarm Systems (ANSI/UL268)  
9 for smoke detectors.

10 (ii) Emits an alarm in a manner that clearly differentiates  
11 between detecting the presence of carbon monoxide and the  
12 presence of smoke.

13 (3) A carbon monoxide detection system that includes carbon  
14 monoxide detectors and audible notification appliances that are  
15 installed and maintained in accordance with the National Fire  
16 Alarm and Signaling Code (NFPA 72) and are in compliance with  
17 the Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors  
18 (ANSI/UL2075).

19 "Installed" means a carbon monoxide alarm that is hardwired  
20 into the electrical wiring, directly plugged into an electrical  
21 outlet without a switch, other than a circuit breaker, or, if  
22 the alarm is battery-powered, attached to the wall or ceiling of  
23 a unit of a child care center or family child care home, in  
24 accordance with the National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code (NFPA  
25 72).

26 "Operational" means working and in service.

27 "Unit" means a room or suite of two or more rooms that is:

28 (1) occupied as a residence;

29 (2) intended or designed to be occupied as a residence; or

30 (3) is occupied by a client of a child care center or family

1 child care home.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.