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A Bill

SENATE BILL 840

By: Senator Elliott
By: Representative Cozart

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT LOW VOLTAGE
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS BE PLACED IN NEWLY
CONSTRUCTED HOMES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT LOW
VOLTAGE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS BE
PLACED IN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-138 is repealed.

~~20-7-138. Low voltage carbon monoxide detectors required in new home construction.~~

~~(a) For a new home constructed after January 1, 2012, a low voltage carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed on each floor.~~

~~(b) A low voltage carbon monoxide alarm may receive primary power from:~~

~~(1) The building wiring if the wiring is served from an on-site electrical power system; or~~

~~(2) A battery.~~

~~(c)(1) A combination smoke and low voltage carbon monoxide alarm may be installed if the manufacturer lists the alarm for combination use.~~

~~(2) A combination smoke and low voltage carbon monoxide alarm shall have distinctly different alarm signals for smoke alarm or low voltage carbon monoxide alarm activation.~~



- ~~(d) A low voltage carbon monoxide alarm shall not be located:~~
- ~~(1) Within or near the openings to garages, bathrooms, or furnace rooms;~~
 - ~~(2) In or near locations specified as "prohibited", "not recommended", or a similar specification in the manufacturer's installation instructions; or~~
 - ~~(3) More than three (3) feet above the floor.~~
- ~~(e) Except for service or repair, a low voltage carbon monoxide alarm shall not be removed or disabled.~~
- ~~(f) A person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found guilty of violating this section is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.~~
- ~~(g) This section does not apply to all electric homes.~~

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