

HB 707 -- Sprinkler Systems in Long-Term Care Facilities

Sponsor: Wilson (130)

This bill changes the laws regarding sprinkler systems in long-term care facilities. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Clarifies existing language regarding which facilities are required to comply and the date by which they must comply with the provisions regarding the installation of sprinkler systems;
- (2) Allows facilities that have submitted a plan for compliance for the installation of a commercial sprinkler system to be eligible for a loan from the Department of Health and Senior Services;
- (3) Requires facilities that have submitted a plan for compliance for the installation of a commercial sprinkler system to equip each sleeping room in the facility with a battery-powered smoke alarm until the commercial system is completely installed. The facilities must also be equipped with heat detectors interconnected to the fire alarm system in areas subject to nuisance alarms; and
- (4) Allows local fire protection districts or fire departments that are deemed qualified by the State Fire Marshal to conduct fire safety inspections of these facilities for compliance with state statutes regarding the installation of the sprinkler system.