

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Senate Bill 748

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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2017 SENATE BILL 748

2017 Senate Bill 748 ("the bill") makes various changes related to the regulation of occupations and buildings and safety, as administered by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and the professional credentialing boards it houses.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

The bill includes changes to requirements for carbon monoxide detectors in residential buildings. Among those changes, the bill requires that carbon monoxide detectors must be provided in units served by a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace, except that a carbon monoxide detector is not required in each unit if: (1) one detector is provided in the first room or area served by each main duct leaving the furnace; and (2) the alarm signals are automatically transmitted to all units and to a designated facility that is continuously staffed by trained personnel who can notify the fire department.

Senate Amendment 1 expands this exception to also apply if: (1) one detector is provided in the first room or area served by each main duct leaving the furnace; and (2) a carbon monoxide detector is also installed in every fourth unit on the same floor.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 generally requires that if DSPS has delegated building inspection authority to a local government, DSPS may not also perform inspections there, unless specifically requested to do so.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Kapenga offered Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on February 23, 2018. On March 1, 2018, the Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing, and State-Federal Relations unanimously recommended adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 and passage of 2017 Senate Bill 748, as amended.

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