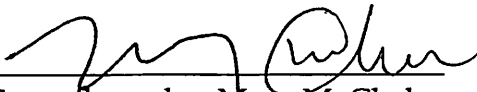
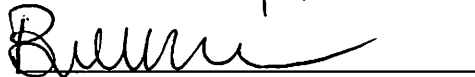

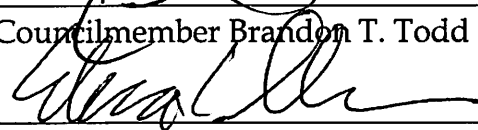


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19 To amend the Smoke Detector Act of 1978 to require the installation of carbon monoxide
20 detectors in dwelling units, hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and
21 residential-custodial care facilities in the District of Columbia, to provide regulations for
22 the installation and maintenance of carbon monoxide detectors, to require tenants to
23 notify owners of an inoperable or deficient carbon monoxide device, and to prohibit
24 tenants from removing or tampering with an installed carbon monoxide detector.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
27 act may be cited as the "Carbon Monoxide Detector Amendment Act of 2017".

28 Sec. 2. The Smoke Detector Act of 1978, effective June 20, 1978 (D.C. Law 2-81; D.C.
29 Official Code § 6-751.01 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

30 (a) The table of contents is amended by striking the phrase "Subchapter IV. Smoke
31 Detectors." and inserting the phrase "Subchapter IV. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors" in
32 its place.

33 (b) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.01) is amended as follows:

34 (1) The existing paragraph (1) is re-designated as paragraph (1A)

35 (2) A new paragraph (1) is added to read as follows:

36 "(1) The term "carbon monoxide detector" means a device that detects carbon
37 monoxide and alerts occupants via a distinct and audible signal."

38 (c) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.02) is amended as follows:

39 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detectors” both times
40 it appears and inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detectors” in its place.

41 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detectors” both times
42 it appears and inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detectors” in its place, and

43 (3) A new Subsection (c)(1) is added to read as follows:

44 “(c)(1) The owner of each dwelling unit, hotel, motel, and hospital, except as
45 provided in subsections (b) and (d) of this section, shall install carbon monoxide
46 detectors as required by this subchapter within 3 years of the effective date of the
47 Carbon Monoxide Detector Amendment Act of 2017.”.

48 (4) Subsection (d) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detectors” and
49 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detectors” in its place, and striking the phrase
50 “within 2 years of June 20, 1978” and inserting the phrase “within 2 years of the effective date of
51 the Carbon Monoxide Detector Amendment Act of 2017” in its place.

52 (5) Subsection (e)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detectors” and
53 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detectors” in its place.

54 (6) Subsection (e)(2) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detectors” and
55 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detectors” in its place.

56 (d) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.03) is amended as follows:

57 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” each time it
58 appears and inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

59 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” each time
60 it appears and inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

61 (3) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detectors” and
62 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detectors” in its place.

63 (4) Subsection (c)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detectors” and
64 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detectors” in its place.

65 (5) Subsection (d) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” and
66 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

67 (6) Subsection (e) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” and
68 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

69 (e) Section 5 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.04) is amended by adding a new subsection (c)
70 to read as follows:

71 “(c) An owner subject to this subchapter shall install a carbon monoxide
72 detector which is capable of detecting carbon monoxide and emitting a distinct and audible
73 signal. The owner shall install a carbon monoxide detector which is of a type approved by the
74 Mayor of the District of Columbia consistent with any appropriate federal regulations. The
75 owner shall install a carbon monoxide detector in accordance with specifications of the
76 manufacturer or in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association Standards 720
77 (2015 Edition).”

78 (f) Section 6 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.05) is amended as follows:

79 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” and
80 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

81 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” both times
82 it appears and inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

83 (3) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” and
84 inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

85 (g) Section 7 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.06) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke
86 detector” both times it appears and inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector”
87 in its place.

88 (h) Section 8 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.07) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke
89 detector” and inserting the phrase “smoke and carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

90 (i) Section 9 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.08) is amended by adding a new subsection (b)
91 to read as follows:

92 “(b) Any person who installs a carbon monoxide detector shall comply with the
93 requirements of this subchapter and the National Fire Protection Association Standards 720
94 (2015 Edition). In the event of a conflict between this subchapter and the National Fire
95 Protection Association Standards 720 (2015 Edition), this subchapter takes precedence.”.

96 (j) Section 10 (D.C. Official Code § 6-751.10) is amended by adding a new subsection
97 (e) to read as follows:

98 “(e) A tenant shall be responsible for notifying the owner or owner's agent if the
99 tenant becomes aware of an inoperable or deficient carbon monoxide device within his or her

100 unit. Tenants are prohibited from removing or tampering with carbon monoxide alarms installed
101 by the owner unless directed to by the owner.”.

102 Sec. 3. Newly added section “9b” of The Smoke Detector Amendment Act of 1984,
103 effective March 13, 1985 (D.C. Law 5-139; D.C. Official Code § 6-751.10) is amended as
104 follows:

105 (a) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” both times
106 it appears and inserting the phrase “smoke or carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

107 (b) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” both times
108 it appears and inserting the phrase “smoke or carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

109 (c) Subsection (d) is amended by striking the phrase “smoke detector” both times
110 it appears and inserting the phrase “smoke or carbon monoxide detector” in its place.

111 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

112 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
113 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
114 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

115 Sec. 5. Effective date.

116 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
117 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
118 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
119 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
120 Columbia Register.

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