

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1804

Short Title: Carbon Monoxide Detectors LRC Study. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Carney, Goforth, Glazier, Allen (Primary Sponsors); and Faison.

Referred to: Ways and Means, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
2 STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF REQUIRING CARBON
3 MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN HOMES OR ANY PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission may study the
7 feasibility and desirability of requiring detectors in homes or any public buildings to
8 detect carbon monoxide, the colorless, odorless gas that is produced when any fuel is
9 incompletely burned, before the carbon monoxide builds up to a dangerous level when it
10 can cause illness or death. In its study, the Commission may consider all of the
11 following:

- 12 (1) The current level of risk people face from carbon monoxide poisoning.
- 13 (2) The most common sources of carbon monoxide poisoning within the
14 home or a public building.
- 15 (3) The risk that people face from long-term exposure to low levels of
16 carbon monoxide.
- 17 (4) Whether the current technology of carbon monoxide detectors is
18 capable of detecting risks presented by carbon monoxide from high to
19 low levels of exposure.
- 20 (5) Whether homes, apartments, or any public buildings should be
21 required to install carbon monoxide detectors and, if so, what locations
22 within the home, apartment, or any public building should these
23 detectors be installed to give the greatest protection.
- 24 (6) Any other issues the Commission considers relevant to this topic.

25 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Research Commission may make an interim
26 report to the 2007 General Assembly, Regular Session 2008, and shall make its final
27 report to the 2009 General Assembly.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Services Officer shall allocate funds
2 appropriated to the General Assembly for the expenditures of the Legislative Services
3 Commission in conducting this study.

4 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.