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Senate Bill 742 (as introduced 9-30-03)
Sponsor: Senator Shirley Johnson
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Single State Construction Code Act to require an owner of a building or structure constructed before November 6, 1974, to install one or more smoke alarms in the building or structure, as provided in rules; and require the Director of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (DCIS) to promulgate rules establishing the standards and requirements for the installation of smoke alarms in a building or structure described in the bill. The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 337, which would amend the Housing Law of Michigan to require each dwelling unit contained within a Class A multiple dwelling to be equipped with a fire alarm system.

Under Senate Bill 742, a building owner would have to comply with the requirement to install smoke alarms beginning one year after the effective date of the rules. The rules would have to include a requirement for the installation of at least one single-station smoke alarm in each dwelling unit of a single family home, one- or two-family detached dwelling, or multiple family dwelling. The rules also would have to require the installation of smoke alarms, as provided in the State Construction Code, in a building or structure that was not a single family dwelling, one- or two-family detached dwelling, or a multiple family dwelling.

The bill provides that a building that was renovated, reconstructed or added to, or whose use or occupancy was changed, would have to meet the requirements of the State Construction Code for installation of smoke alarms.

(The bill provides that "smoke alarm" and "single-station smoke alarm" would mean those terms as defined in Section 82a of the Housing Law of Michigan. Senate Bill 337 proposes to add Section 82a to the Housing Law, but does not define those terms.)

Proposed MCL 125.1504c

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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