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Summary Senate Bill 920, P.N. 950

Prime Sponsor: Senator Browne

- An Act referred as the Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm Standards Act.
- This legislation requires homes with fossil fuel burning heaters, appliances, fireplaces and/or an attached garage, upon its sale, to be equipped with a carbon monoxide detector or detectors.
- Existing multi-family dwellings will be required to install an alarm within one year following the effective date of the Act.
- This legislation imposes responsibilities on owners/occupants of multi-family dwellings and residential buildings to ensure that a CO alarm is installed and operable.
- This legislation imposes penalties:
 - Willful failure to install or maintain in operating condition any carbon monoxide alarm required by this act is a summary offense punishable by a fine of \$50.
 - Tampering with, removing, destroying, disconnecting or removing the batteries from any installed carbon monoxide alarm, except in the course of inspection, maintenance or replacement of the alarm, is a summary offense punishable by a fine of \$500 in the case of a first conviction and a misdemeanor of the third degree punishable by a fine of \$3,000 in the case of a second or subsequent conviction.
- This act shall take effect January 1, 2012.

