

1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1385

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5 By: Representatives Allen, Kerr  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOW VOLTAGE CARBON MONOXIDE  
9 DETECTORS IN NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOW VOLTAGE CARBON  
15 MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN NEW HOME  
16 CONSTRUCTION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 86, Subchapter 1 is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 4-86-109. Low-voltage carbon monoxide detectors required in new home  
24 construction.

25 (a) For a new home constructed after January 1, 2012, a low-voltage  
26 carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed on each floor.

27 (b) A low-voltage carbon monoxide alarm may receive primary power  
28 from:

29 (1) The building wiring if the wiring is served from an on-site  
30 electrical power system; or

31 (2) A battery.

32 (c)(1) A combination smoke and low-voltage carbon monoxide alarm may  
33 be installed if the manufacturer lists the alarm for combination use.

34 (2) A combination smoke and low-voltage carbon monoxide alarm  
35 shall have distinctly different alarm signals for smoke alarm or low-voltage  
36 carbon monoxide alarm activation.



1           (d) A low-voltage carbon monoxide alarm shall not be located:

2                   (1) Within or near the openings to garages, bathrooms, or  
3 furnace rooms;

4                   (2) In or near locations specified as "prohibited", "not  
5 recommended", or a similar specification in the manufacturer's installation  
6 instructions; or

7                   (3) More than three (3) feet above the floor.

8           (e) Except for service or repair, a low-voltage carbon monoxide alarm  
9 shall not be removed or disabled.

10           (f) A person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found  
11 guilty of violating this section is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

12           (g) This section does not apply to all-electric homes.

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