

State of Arkansas
87th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2138

By: Representative Hopper

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES
HAVE EMERGENCY GENERATORS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ASSISTED LIVING
FACILITIES HAVE EMERGENCY GENERATORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-10-1803, concerning requirements for nursing homes and nursing facilities to have emergency generators, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

(e)(1) An assisted living facility shall comply with this section if construction of the facility begins after July 1, 2009.

(2) The Office of Long-Term Care shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that natural disasters have caused significant, widespread, and lasting power outages in this state; and that loss of power poses exceptional threats the health and safety of residents of assisted living facilities; and that this act is immediately necessary to maintain the health and safety of residents of assisted living facilities. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:



1 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

2 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
3 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
4 bill; or

5 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
6 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.