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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 840

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT LOW VOLTAGE  
10 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS BE PLACED IN NEWLY  
11 CONSTRUCTED HOMES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT LOW  
16 VOLTAGE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS BE  
17 PLACED IN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOMES.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-138 is repealed.

23 ~~20-7-138. 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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