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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 574, L.D. 1476, Bill, “An Act To Improve the Law Concerning Carbon Monoxide Detectors”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2468, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 375, §2 and affected by §5, is further amended to read:

A. Each unit in any building of multifamily occupancy; a fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory that is affiliated with an educational facility; a children's home, emergency children's shelter, children's residential care facility, shelter for homeless children or specialized children's home as defined in Title 22, section 8101; or a hotel, motel, inn or bed and breakfast licensed as an eating and lodging place or a lodging place under Title 22, chapter 562. The owner shall use a carbon monoxide detector that is powered by:

- (1) Both the electrical service in the building and a battery; ~~or~~
- (2) A nonreplaceable 10-year battery; or
- (3) A replaceable battery if the carbon monoxide detector uses a low-power radio frequency wireless communication signal, uses multiple sensors, has low-frequency audible notification capability or is connected to a control panel;

**Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2468, sub-§11**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 375, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

**11. Educational facilities.** An educational facility shall install, or cause to be installed, by the manufacturer's requirements at least one approved carbon monoxide detector in each building of the educational facility that is used for educational purposes by at least 6 persons for at least 4 hours per day or more than 12 hours per week. The owner shall use a carbon monoxide detector that is powered by:

- A. Both the electrical service in the building and a battery; ~~or~~

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- 1 B. A nonreplaceable 10-year battery; or
- 2 C. A replaceable battery if the carbon monoxide detector uses a low-power radio
- 3 frequency wireless communication signal, uses multiple sensors, has low-frequency
- 4 audible notification capability or is connected to a control panel.'

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment replaces the bill. The bill allows a carbon monoxide detector  
7 installed in certain buildings to be powered by a battery other than a nonreplaceable 10-  
8 year battery if the detector uses low-power radio frequency wireless communication, uses  
9 multiple sensors, has low-frequency audible notification capability or is connected to a  
10 control panel. The amendment clarifies that a carbon monoxide detector that is powered  
11 by replaceable batteries is allowed if the carbon monoxide detector uses a low-power  
12 radio frequency wireless communication signal, uses multiple sensors, has low-frequency  
13 audible notification capability or is connected to a control panel.