

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER ALERT

AS OF MAY 8, 2018

JUST IN FROM THE CHAMBER LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE LINCOLN WILLIS, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

SB91 SYNOPSIS: ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION DEVICES.

This Act creates a requirement that lodging establishments with an appliance that emits carbon monoxide or an attached garage have working carbon monoxide detection devices in each dwelling or sleeping unit.

This Substitute Bill differs from Senate Bill No. 91 as follows:

1. It clarifies that the requirements of this chapter do not apply to a private residence that is occupied by the owner if no dwelling or sleeping units are available for pay.
2. It clarifies the definition of owner so that it includes artificial entities that own or actively manage a lodging establishment but does not include an equitable interest in an artificial entity that is an owner.
3. It changes the requirements for carbon monoxide detection device installation so that the requirements are essentially the same as the requirements for smoke detectors in Chapter 66 of Title 16.
4. It incorporates the changes in Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 91, including the effective dates for compliance.
5. It provides the State Fire Marshal authority promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter.
6. It makes this Act effective on January 1, 2019.
7. It makes technical corrections to conform to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

Status: Passed in Senate today expected to go to House tomorrow. New bill compromise removing hardwire requirement and allowing battery operated.

HB409 SYNOPSIS: ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE

DELAWARE WORKER ADJUSTMENT AND RETRAINING NOTIFICATION ACT

This Act creates a state mass layoff and plant closing notice requirement law that requires certain larger employers to provide their employees with adequate notice when they plan to go out of business, close a plant, or lay off a large number of employees. This Act requires employers to also notify the Department of planned mass layoffs and plant closings, so the Department can provide dislocated workers with services to assist them in returning to work as soon as possible. This Act imposes greater notice requirements on employers than the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act ("WARN Act"). This Act authorizes the Department of Labor to investigate violations, conduct administrative hearings for employers who are alleged to have violated this Act, and pursue penalties for failure of an employer to comply with the notice requirements to its employees.

Status: introduced today, will be in Committee tomorrow.

If you have questions, please give Carol a call on the member hotline at 302-227-6446 or on her cell phone at 302-542-7547