

Bill Number: TX81RSB 1715

Date: 05-29-2009

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1 AN ACT
2 relating to the requirements for a smoke detector in multifamily
3 and other residential units.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. This bill is enacted to honor the memory of
6 Sephra Burks.

7 SECTION 2. Section 92.254, Property Code, is amended by
8 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
9 follows:

10 (a) A smoke detector must be:

11 (1) designed to detect both the visible and invisible
12 products of combustion;

13 (2) designed with an alarm audible to [a person in](#) the
14 bedrooms it serves;

15 (3) powered by battery, alternating current, or other
16 power source as required by local ordinance;

17 (4) tested and listed for use as a smoke detector by
18 Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Factory Mutual Research
19 Corporation, or United States Testing Company, Inc.; and

20 (5) in good working order.

21 [\(a-1\) If requested by a tenant as an accommodation for a](#)
22 [person with a hearing-impairment disability or as required by law](#)

- 23 [as a reasonable accommodation for a person with a](#)
24 [hearing-impairment disability, a smoke detector must, in addition](#)

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- 1 [to complying with Subsection \(a\), be capable of alerting a](#)
- 2 [hearing-impaired person in the bedrooms it serves.](#)

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1715 passed the Senate on April 17, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1715 passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 114, Nays 22, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor

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