

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB1077

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<b>Second House</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Ruff

**3. Committee** General Laws

**4. Title** Board of Housing and Community Development; carbon monoxide detectors in certain rental dwelling units; report

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations to require carbon monoxide detectors in any dormitories, which would include existing as well as new facilities, used to house students on all colleges and universities or assisted living facilities licensed by the Department of Social Services (DSS) that contain living space and that have an attached garage or carport, are adjacent to a parking space, or contain or are serviced by an appliance or device that uses carbon-based fuels by July 1, 2010. The bill also requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations by December 1, 2008 to require the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in new buildings that are used by any college or university to house students and any assisted living facilities licensed by DSS that contain living space and that have an attached garage or carport, are adjacent to a parking space, or contain or are served by an appliance that uses carbon based fuels. In addition, the Board of Housing and Community Development and the Board and the Department of Fire Programs are required to establish a working group consisting of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of local fire departments and rescue squads, and representatives of landlord and tenant interests to develop an educational program focusing on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning and adequate prevention measures. Both boards are to report on this educational program to the Governor and the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary. See item 8, below.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No (not during the current biennium).

**8. Fiscal implications:** There would be some costs to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) associated with the adoption of the new regulations. However, such costs could be funded from existing resources. In addition, the new regulations would impact the costs incurred by the colleges and universities and assisted living facilities that are subject to the new regulations. While the total impact to those subject to the new regulations depends on how many detectors will be required in the new regulations, DHCD has provided estimates. For an estimated 750 public and private dormitory buildings the cost would be \$6 million to \$7 million, based upon one unit for each floor and one unit per bedroom or sleeping area. For an estimated 600 to 700 assisted living facilities, the cost would be \$2 million to \$3 million.

Also, there would be some costs to DHCD and Fire Programs in developing and reporting on the educational program. However, it is anticipated that any such costs would be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Fire Programs, colleges and universities.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
Secretary of Public Safety