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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 167**
2 Offered January 9, 2008
3 Prefiled January 7, 2008
4 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 36-99.5:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Uniform Statewide*
5 *Building Code; use of noncombustible materials in the construction of certain structures.*
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8 Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
11 **1. That § 36-99.5:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**
12 § 36-99.5:1. Smoke detectors and other fire detection and suppression systems in assisted living
13 facilities, adult day care centers and nursing homes and facilities.
14 A. Battery- or AC-powered smoke detector devices shall be installed in all assisted living facilities
15 and adult day care centers licensed by the Department of Social Services, regardless of when the
16 building was constructed. The location and installation of the smoke detectors shall be determined by the
17 Uniform Statewide Building Code.
18 The licensee shall obtain a certificate of compliance from the building official of the locality in
19 which the facility or center is located, or in the case of state-owned buildings, from the Department of
20 General Services.
21 The licensee shall maintain the smoke detector devices in good working order.
22 B. The Board ~~of Housing and Community Development~~ shall promulgate regulations in accordance
23 with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.) establishing standards for requiring (i) smoke
24 detectors ~~and~~ *,* (ii) ~~such~~ other fire detection and suppression systems ~~as deemed necessary by the Board~~ *,*
25 *and (iii) noncombustible construction materials* to increase the safety of persons in assisted living
26 facilities, residential dwelling units designed or developed and marketed to senior citizens, nursing
27 homes and nursing facilities. All nursing homes and nursing facilities which are already equipped with
28 sprinkler systems shall comply with regulations relating to smoke detectors.