

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB1077

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

**2. Patron** Ruff

**3. Committee** General Laws and Technology

**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 all rental dwelling units 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. The bill also provides for the Board and the Department of Fire Programs 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.

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

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**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 could impact the costs incurred by the owners of rental units that are subject to the new regulations. DPB cannot estimate the amount of any such costs, however.

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.

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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Secretary of Public Safety