STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 29, 2019

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring combustible gas detectors in certain structures

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 378 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 19 to read as follows:

19. a. (i) Standards for installation of combustible gas detectors requiring, no later than July first, two thousand twenty that every one or two-family dwelling, or any dwelling accommodation located in a building owned as a condominium or cooperative in the state or any multiple dwellings shall have installed an operable combustible gas detector of such manufacture, design and installation standards as are established by the council.

(ii) Standards for the reporting of gas leaks reported via automatic transmission to a gas company by a gas detector by such gas companies. Provided, however, that such standards shall require a gas company to issue an annual report detailing the number of leaks received in a calendar year disaggregated by county.

b. For purposes of this subdivision, combustible gas detector means an alarm device that complies with the applicable standards of the American National Standards Institute, or its successors, for residential devices for the detection of combustible quantities of methane and propane gases, unless such standards are superseded by rules adopted by the council. Provided, however, that such devices shall further be equipped with technology enabling such devices to automatically report the occurrence of each gas leak detected by such devices to the company providing gas to the dwelling in which such device is located.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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c. For purposes of this subdivision, multiple dwelling means a dwelling which is either rented, leased, let or hired out, to be occupied, or is occupied as the temporary or permanent residence or home of three or more families living independently of each other, including but not limited to the following: a tenement, flat house, maisonette apartment, apartment house, apartment hotel, tourist house, bachelor apartment, studio apartment, duplex apartment, kitchenette apartment, hotel, lodging house, rooming house, boarding house, boarding and nursery school, furnished room house, club, sorority house, fraternity house, college and school dormitory, convalescent, old age or nursing homes or residences. It shall also include a dwelling, two or more stories in height, and with five or more boarders, roomers or lodgers residing with any one family. New construction shall mean a new facility or a separate building added to an existing facility.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.