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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CHANDLER-WATERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the installation and periodic inspection of water detector alarms in residential dwellings and certain commercial buildings

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

1 Section 1. Section 378 of the executive law is amended by adding two  
2 new subdivisions 5-e and 5-f to read as follows:

3 5-e. a. Standards for installation of water detector alarms requiring  
4 that every one or two-family dwelling, or any dwelling accommodation  
5 located in a building owned as a condominium or cooperative in the state  
6 or any multiple dwellings shall have installed an operable water detec-  
7 tor alarm of such manufacture, design and installation standards as are  
8 established and determined to be necessary by the council. For the  
9 purposes of this subdivision, "water detector alarm" means an electronic  
10 device that detects the presence of water and sets off an audible and  
11 visual alarm when its sensors are triggered.

12 b. Standards for inspections of water detector alarms requiring that  
13 an appropriate and qualified inspector, as determined by the local  
14 government, shall perform a periodic inspection to ensure that every  
15 dwelling required to have a water detector alarm pursuant to paragraph a  
16 of this subdivision has such water detector alarm installed and it is in  
17 operable condition.

18 5-f. a. Standards for installation of water detector alarms requiring  
19 that a commercial building in the state that may be subject to flooding  
20 shall have installed an operable water detector alarm of such manufac-  
21 ture, design and installation standards as are established and deter-  
22 mined to be necessary by the council. For the purposes of this subdivi-  
23 sion, (i) "water detector alarm" means an electronic device that detects  
24 the presence of water and sets off an audible and visual alarm when its

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

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1 sensors are triggered; and (ii) "commercial building" means a building  
2 in which individuals are employed.

3 b. Standards for inspections of water detector alarms requiring that  
4 an appropriate and qualified inspector, as determined by the local  
5 government, shall perform a periodic inspection to ensure that every  
6 commercial building required to have a water detector alarm pursuant to  
7 paragraph a of this subdivision has such water detector alarm installed  
8 and it is in operable condition.

9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
10 it shall have become a law.