

Government Affairs Update for February 12, 2010

Recent deaths from carbon monoxide exposure have prompted Pennsylvania bill sponsors to call for a vote: House Bill 1445 is out of Committee and scheduled for a House vote on March 8, 2010. The bill would require carbon monoxide alarms in “residential buildings”, defined as detached one-family and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings which are not more than three stories in height with a separate means of egress” Our lobbying efforts have not disputed the help these important devices can be to assure the safety of residents. But we will continue to support its provisions that specifically place responsibilities for the maintenance, repair or replacement of alarms, plus the job of replacing batteries, on tenants.

There’s strength in numbers: YOU are needed at our annual Harrisburg Capitol Conference on Monday evening, March 22d, and Tuesday March 23rd, 2010. The apartment industry needs your expert voice to tell our legislators about our industry and its importance to Pennsylvania’s communities. Especially this year, with Bonusgate in the news so much, Association members speak collectively for an entire industry. Without a strong showing from its members, elected officials will ignore the industry. There’s strength in numbers.