

This just in from Pennsylvania Apartment Association – May 31, 2015

Spot Appeals Update

Things are heating up, and it's not just the weather. Senator Argall has circulated his co-sponsor memorandum and so far four senators have signed on as co-sponsors: Senators Teplitz, Rafferty, Scavello and Folmer.

Senator Argall's office recently sent us a draft of the bill, which is similar to last session's HB 1309. For those of you unfamiliar with our previous attempts to pass spot appeals legislation, HB 1309 passed the Senate but an amendment dangerous to our members was added in the House and we were forced to pull our support, after which the bill failed to advance.

If you have not yet done so, please contact your properties' senators and urge them to sign on to Senator Argall's legislation. If you already have done so, please consider contacting Senator Argall or the co-sponsors to thank them. If you need assistance finding your senators' contact information or need language for your letters and emails, please do not hesitate to [contact Alisa](#).

CO2 Alarm Law Goes Into Effect June 15th!

On December 18th, 2013, Governor Tom Corbett signed Act 121 into law. The new carbon monoxide law requires residences, including apartment units and multi-family dwellings with a fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, fireplace or attached garage to have carbon monoxide alarms in the vicinity of the bedrooms and the fossil burning heater or fireplace by June 15th. Owners and management are responsible for having the proper devices installed by that date. PAA was instrumental in the bill's language, which ensures that residents are responsible for device upkeep and battery replacement during their occupancies.

For information on the act and its requirements, or on what is considered an "approved" carbon monoxide alarm, please visit [PAA's website](#).