



## **CARBON MONOXIDE SENSORS**

**POSITION:** The Pennsylvania Tourism & Lodging Association opposes legislation that would require lodging establishments to install carbon monoxide sensors in guest rooms.

**BACKGROUND:** Lodging operators in the Commonwealth have no higher concern or commitment than that of safeguarding guests and employees.

On May 2, 2008, Representative Mantz (R-Lehigh) introduced legislation mandating that hotels and motels install carbon monoxide sensors in sleeping rooms. House Bill 2436 was referred to the House Labor Relations Committee. The measure was introduced in response to the death of a hotel guest staying at a property in the Lehigh Valley in January 2008 when a contractor working outside the hotel hung plastic sheeting that covered exhaust vents and caused the carbon monoxide poisoning death. The enactment of House Bill 2436 is unnecessary since the bill was filed in response to a single incident rather than a statewide problem of carbon monoxide deaths in lodging facilities. The mandate of installing carbon monoxide sensors would be cost prohibitive for lodging properties.

**STATUS:** Due to effective PTLA lobbying efforts, the House Labor Relations Committee never considered the bill and it "died" in committee when the 2007-2008 legislative session ended on November 30, 2008.