



AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
STATE ACTION UPDATE

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FLORIDA

Here is the latest legislative/regulatory report for your State. AIHA government relations will send the reports every week, detailing any legislation and/or regulations pertinent to the profession in your State. The reports will also include the text of many bills (if available) and update activity on bills already reported. However, reports will only be sent if there has been new activity on the legislation and/or regulations already reported, or new legislation and/or regulations are found. Reports are sent to Local Section officers and may be forwarded to others if you wish.

Moving forward, AIHA would like to encourage all of its Local Sections to become more engaged in government relations as an integrated aspect of their operations. AIHA strives to promote worker health and safety both nationally and internationally, but the Association cannot do it alone. With the help of Local Sections, AIHA can maximize the opportunity for success in promoting the message of industrial hygiene. AIHA is also seeking to better understand and meet the needs of its members while improving communication with regard to government relations.

As such, a field in **red** is included with each item below for you to please describe how your Local Section will respond to each bill or regulation listed. An indication that no action will be taken may often be the case. Kindly send feedback and questions to Mark Ames, AIHA's Director of Government Relations, at mames@aiha.org, as this will help AIHA better understand the government relations needs of your Local Section and provide training, materials, and other assistance.

New Legislation

[FL H 415](#)

Author: [Yarborough \(R\)](#)
Title: Dangerous Goods and Hazardous Materials Certification
Prefiled: 01/24/2017
Disposition: Pending
Location: HOUSE
Summary: Relates to dangerous goods and hazardous materials certification; provides requirements for use of professional titles and abbreviations by certified dangerous goods professionals, hazardous materials managers, and hazardous materials practitioners.
Status: 01/24/2017 PREFILED.
Action: *Please describe here how your Local Section will respond to this legislation.*

Suggested *High*
Prioritization:

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Vetoed: Red text

[🔗](#)Links to affected code section

2017 FL H 415	Author: Yarborough
	Version: Prefiled
	Version Date: 01/24/2017

HB 415

2017

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to dangerous goods and hazardous materials certification; creating s. 501.938, F.S.; providing requirements for the use of professional titles and abbreviations by certified dangerous goods professionals, hazardous materials managers, and hazardous materials practitioners; providing definitions; providing that a violation of such requirements is a deceptive and unfair trade practice and a violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 501.938, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

501.938 Certified dangerous goods professionals, hazardous materials managers, and hazardous materials practitioners; use of professional titles; failure to comply.--

(1) Any person representing himself or herself as a "certified dangerous goods professional," "certified hazardous materials manager," or "certified hazardous materials practitioner," or using the abbreviations "CDGP," "CHMM," or "CHMP," respectively, must accurately disclose his or her credentials.

(2) A person may not represent himself or herself as a "certified dangerous goods professional," "certified hazardous materials manager," or "certified hazardous materials practitioner" unless he or she holds a current valid certificate from the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management or another institution that issues such certificates. A person may not mislead or deceive anyone by the unauthorized use of any certification mark that has been awarded by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

(3)(a) A "certified dangerous goods professional" is a person who has been awarded a Certified Dangerous Goods Professional (CDGP) certificate after successfully demonstrating expertise in transporting and ensuring the security of dangerous goods.

(b) A "certified hazardous materials manager" is a person who has been awarded a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) certificate after successfully demonstrating expertise in identifying and assessing the risks of hazardous materials, mitigating or eliminating such risks, and managing the impact that such risks have on the environment and public health.

(c) A "certified hazardous materials practitioner" is a person who has been awarded a Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP) certificate after successfully demonstrating expertise in

handling hazardous materials in specialties such as environmental protection and site cleanup, emergency response, transportation, and security.

(4) Failure to comply with this section is a deceptive and unfair trade practice and a violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

[FL H 389](#)

Author: [Willhite \(D\)](#)
Title: Building Safety
Prefiled: 01/23/2017
Disposition: Pending
Location: HOUSE
Summary: Relates to building safety; revises provisions requiring installation of carbon monoxide detectors in certain building.
Status: 01/23/2017 PREFILED.
Action: *Please describe here how your Local Section will respond to this legislation.*

Suggested Prioritization: *Medium*

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Vetoed: Red text

[Links to affected code section](#)

2017 FL H 389

Author:	Willhite
Version:	Prefiled
Version Date:	01/23/2017

HB 389

2017

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to building safety; amending s. 553.885 [F.S.](#); revising provisions requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in certain buildings; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 553.885 [F.S.](#), Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.885 Carbon monoxide alarm required.--

(1)(a) Every separate building or addition to an existing building, other than a hospital, an inpatient hospice facility, or a nursing home facility licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration, constructed on or after July 1, 2008, and having:

1. A fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance; 7

2. A fireplace; 7

3. An attached residential parking structure garage ; 7 or

4. Any other feature, fixture, or element that emits carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion;

shall have an approved operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within 10 feet of each room used for sleeping purposes in the new building or addition, or at such other locations as required by the Florida Building Code.

(b) The requirements of this subsection may be satisfied with the installation of a hard-wired or battery-powered carbon monoxide alarm or a hard-wired or battery-powered combination carbon monoxide and smoke alarm.

(c) For a new hospital, an inpatient hospice facility, a nursing home facility licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration, or a new state correctional institution, an approved operational carbon monoxide detector shall be installed inside or directly outside of each room or area within the hospital or facility where a fossil-fuel-burning heater, engine, or appliance is located. This detector shall be connected to the fire alarm system of the hospital or facility as a supervisory signal.

(d) This subsection does not apply to existing buildings that are undergoing alterations or repairs unless the alteration is an addition as defined in subsection (3).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Regulatory Activity

None to Report