

Governor Signs Bill; CO Detectors Required 10/1

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Gov. Pat McCrory today signed the Regulatory Reform Act of 2013 (H74), drawing criticism from liberal and conservation groups—but maybe saving lives in the process. Part of the bill had inserted the requirements of Hotels, Motels, and other rental dwelling places that have fossil fuel burning systems to have carbon monoxide detectors installed by October 1st. The measure was inserted in the wide-ranging bill after three deaths at the Boone Best Western Hotel in the spring, prompting an outcry over the devices not being required by code. House Bill 74 includes provisions that will critics say will reduce basic health and environmental safeguards on toxic coal ash ponds, unsafe landfills and unsightly billboards. Governor McCrory himself had raised concerns about some parts of the bill, but signed it into law today.