

**Introduced by Senators Berryhill and La Malfa**February 18, 2011

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An act to add Section 13143.7 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to fire suppression.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 726, as introduced, Berryhill. Fire suppression: fire sprinkler systems.

Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt and administer the regulations and building standards necessary to establish and control a program for servicing, testing, and maintaining all automatic fire extinguishing systems, including, but not limited to, fire sprinkler systems. Existing law requires the installation of a sprinkler system or automatic fire device in specified buildings, and requires the installation of a smoke detector in each dwelling intended for human occupancy, as specified. Existing law authorizes a city, county, or city and county to, by ordinance, make changes or modifications that are more stringent than the requirements published in the California Building Standards Code relating to fire and panic safety and other regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal.

This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2014, a county, by ordinance or resolution, to opt not to be subject to a regulation published in the California Building Standards Code requiring the installation of a fire sprinkler system in a single-family residential dwelling.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 13143.7 is added to the Health and Safety  
2 Code, to read:  
3 13143.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, until  
4 January 1, 2014, a county may, by ordinance or resolution, opt not  
5 to be subject to a regulation published in the California Building  
6 Standards Code requiring the installation of a fire sprinkler system  
7 in a single-family residential dwelling.

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