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Dear Real Estate Professionals:

Effective April 5, 2010, new regulations will go into effect regarding the type of smoke detectors required in certain residential occupancies.

These new regulations only affect those houses that were constructed, altered, or modified before January 1, 1975.

These new regulations also require that these properties be equipped with specific types of smoke detectors:

1. A smoke detector located within twenty (20) feet of an entryway to a kitchen, or bathroom containing a bathtub or shower, shall not utilize ionization technology to determine an alarm condition. This 20-foot measurement shall include and extend into common areas of a multi-family dwelling.
2. In areas that are not within the area specified above, a listed detector that uses both ionization and photoelectric technology, in either a single detector or by two separate detectors.

Again, these regulations go into effect April 5, 2010. Any inspections for smoke certificates after that date will be required to have the upgraded detectors in order to receive a Certificate of Compliance for your closing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Lt. Marc Goyette at the phone number or email addresses above.

Respectfully,

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