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This is to inform the owners/managers of any hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, bed and breakfast homes, summer camps, primitive camps, and resident camps whom are located in Swain County or in the Swain County section of the Qualla Boundary new legislation regarding the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in your facility. The information below was copied from a position statement given by The Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health.

Session Law 2013-413 (formerly House Bill 74) requires lodging establishments to install carbon monoxide detectors meeting ANSI/UL 2034 or ANSI/UL 2075 in every enclosed space having a fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, or fireplace and in any enclosed space, including a sleeping room, that shares a common wall, floor, or ceiling with an enclosed space having a fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, or fireplace by **October 1, 2013**. The law allows use of either **battery-operated or electric carbon monoxide detectors** to meet that deadline, **but further requires carbon monoxide detectors to receive primary power from the building's electrical wiring and have battery backup power by October 1, 2014**.

Under S.L. 2013-413, *lodging establishment* means any hotel, motel, tourist home, or other establishment permitted under authority of G.S. 130A 248 to provide lodging accommodations for pay to the public. **That includes hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, bed and breakfast homes, summer camps, primitive camps, and resident camps**. Please note that this law does not apply to institutions since they are under authority of G.S. 130A-235 and not permitted under authority of G.S. 130A-248. Fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, or fireplace including anything in a building that burns combustible materials to produce light, heat, refrigeration, or air conditioning—including, but not limited to, furnaces, pool heaters, water heaters, space heaters, cooking equipment, boilers, clothes dryers, fireplaces, pilot lights, and light fixtures.

If you have any further questions, please contact Swain County Environmental Health (828) 488-3198.