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Provide for the amendment of the Building Regulations 2000 to make it a requirement to install an automatic fire suppression system in new residential premises.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Amendment of the Building Regulations 2000

- (1) Within six months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State shall, by regulations made by statutory instrument, amend the Building Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/2531) to make it a requirement for all new residential premises to be fitted with an automatic fire suppression system in accordance with the appropriate British Standard. 5
- (2) Any regulations made under this Act shall be laid before Parliament and shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (3) In this Act- 10
- “new residential premises” means-
- (a) premises constructed for residential use;
 - (b) premises converted to residential use;
 - (c) premises converted to use as a single residence by physical subdivision of one or more existing residential premises; and 15
 - (d) premises converted to use as a single residence by physical incorporation of more than one existing residential premises.
- “automatic fire suppression system” means any automatic fixed system intended to extinguish, control or contain fires by means of water propelled under pressure through pipework and spray heads which operate when a predetermined temperature is reached. 20

2 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Building Regulations (Amendment) Act 2010.

- (2) The provisions of this Act come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

Building Regulations (Amendment) Bill [HL]

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