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The city of Havre de Grace, Maryland has passed a stringent new law requiring carbon monoxide detectors in all homes which burn fossil fuel for heat, including oil and natural gas and homes that have attached garages, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves or kerosene heaters. The law requires one CO detector be placed on each floor of a residence where sleeping quarters are present.

California has passed legislation requiring manufacturers to reduce the use of environmentally harmful copper in automobile brake pads to no more than 5 percent by 2021 and no more than 0.5 percent by 2025. Washington is the only other state that has passed comparable legislation. New York and Rhode Island have introduced similar bills and Oregon is looking to follow.

North Carolina's highest court says sex offenders can be subject to electronic monitoring for the rest of their lives even if they were convicted before the General Assembly passed laws permitting the surveillance. The state Supreme Court ruled 4-3 that the satellite-based monitoring doesn't amount to another punishment for three men convicted of child sex offenses before the monitoring law was approved in 2006.

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