

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 742

Ordered by the Senate April 8
Including Senate Amendments dated April 8

Sponsored by Senators KNOPP, HANSELL

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Limits local government regulations on certain nonresidential alarm systems and battery-charged fences. Requires signage for battery-charged fences.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to alarms.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Alarm system" means any electrical, mechanical or electronic device or sensor used**
6 **to prevent, detect or alert law enforcement or occupants of burglary, theft, or intrusion of**
7 **a structure or a vehicle used as a commercial structure.**

8 (b) **"Battery-charged fence" means a fence that:**

9 (A) **Interfaces with an alarm system in a manner that enables the fence to cause the**
10 **connected alarm system to transmit a signal intended to summon law enforcement in re-**
11 **sponse to an intrusion;**

12 (B) **Has an energizer that is driven by battery that is not more than 12 volts of direct**
13 **current;**

14 (C) **Produces an electric charge on contact that does not exceed energizer characteristics**
15 **set for electric fence energizers by IEC standards;**

16 (D) **Is surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is not less than five feet**
17 **in height; and**

18 (E) **Is not higher than the greater of 10 feet in height or two feet higher than the height**
19 **of the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall.**

20 (c) **"IEC standards" means the standards set by the International Electrotechnical**
21 **Commission as most recently published on or before January 1, 2021.**

22 (2) **Except as required by state building code, a local government, as defined in ORS**
23 **197.015, may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, land use regulation or building code for**
24 **property not zoned or used for residential use that:**

25 (a) **Prohibits the installation or use of a battery-charged fence.**

26 (b) **Imposes installation or operational requirements inconsistent with IEC standards or**
27 **this section for an alarm system or battery-charged fence.**

28 (c) **Requires a permit for the installation or use of a battery-charged fence that is addi-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
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1 tional to an alarm system permit issued by the local government.

2 (3) A battery-charged fence must be marked with conspicuous warning signs that are
3 located on the fence at not more than 30-foot intervals and that read: "WARNING: ELEC-
4 TRIC FENCE."
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