

# Senate Bill 742

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 **as introduced**.

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

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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-**  
29 **tional to an alarm system permit issued by the local government.**

30 (3) **A battery-charged fence must be marked with conspicuous warning signs that are**  
31 **located on the fence at not less than 60-foot intervals and that read: “WARNING: ELECTRIC**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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