
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5230

AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE SOLID WASTE STREAM.

SUMMARY

Beginning October 1, 2027, this bill generally prohibits distributing, selling, or offering for sale smoke detection and warning equipment that is powered only by battery. The ban does not apply to the following:

1. equipment with a battery that is nonreplaceable, nonremovable, and able to power the equipment for at least 10 years;
2. equipment powered by a building's electrical system;
3. fire alarm systems with smoke detection and warning equipment, fire alarm devices that connect to a panel, or devices that use a low-power radio frequency wireless communication signal; or
4. equipment that was in the seller's or distributor's possession on October 1, 2027, or for which the seller or distributor had placed an order before the bill's effective date.

Under the bill, anyone who violates the ban is subject to a fine of up to \$100 for a first violation and, for a subsequent one, a fine of up to \$500.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/20/2024)