



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 326

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Substitute House Bill No. 5230

House of Representatives, April 8, 2024

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. GRESKO of the 121st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE SOLID WASTE STREAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Except as provided in
2 subsection (b) of this section, on and after October 1, 2027, no person
3 shall distribute, sell or offer for sale any smoke detection and warning
4 equipment that is powered solely by a battery unless such battery is
5 nonreplaceable, nonremovable and capable of powering the equipment
6 for not less than ten years.

7 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply
8 to any smoke detection and warning equipment that is powered by the
9 electrical system of a building, fire alarm systems with smoke detection
10 and warning equipment, fire alarm devices that connect to a panel or
11 devices that use a low-power radio frequency wireless communication
12 signal.

13 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a

14 person may sell smoke detection and warning equipment that does not
 15 meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section on or after
 16 October 1, 2027, if such person (1) possesses such equipment on October
 17 1, 2027, or (2) placed an order for such equipment prior to the effective
 18 date of this section.

19 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
 20 fined not more than one hundred dollars for a first violation and not
 21 more than five hundred dollars for a subsequent violation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill prohibits distributing or selling certain smoke detection and warning equipment resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state beginning in FY 28 to the extent violations occur and the penalties are enforced.¹ The bill does not specify who oversees enforcement.

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State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$	FY 29 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	None	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

The potential revenue gain described above begins in FY 28.

¹ Under the bill, a first violation results in a fine of up to \$100 and subsequent violations are fines up to \$500.

OLR Bill Analysis

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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)