SMOKE ALARM BATTERY STANDARD ACT

Act 98 of 2024

AN ACT to require certain standards for certain smoke alarm devices; to prohibit certain conduct and prescribe civil sanctions; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

History: 2024, Act 98, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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29.531 Short title.

Sec. 1.

This act may be cited as the "smoke alarm battery standard act".

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29.533 Distributing, selling, offering for sale or importing smoke alarm devices; failure to meet standards; prohibited; violation as civil fine.

Sec. 3.

(1) Except as provided under subsection (4), beginning 18 months after the effective date of this act, a person shall not distribute, sell, offer for sale, or import a smoke alarm device that fails to meet the battery and power source standards under subsection (3).

(2) A person that violates subsection (1) is subject to a civil fine of not more than $500.00. The prosecutor of the county in which the violation occurred or the attorney general may bring an action to collect the fine. A fine collected must be deposited in the Christopher R. Slezak first responder presumed coverage fund created in section 405 of the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.405.

(3) Except as provided under subsection (4), beginning 18 months after the effective date of this act, a smoke alarm device that is distributed, sold, offered for sale, or imported must not be powered by a replaceable or removable battery. The smoke alarm device must be powered for not less than 10 years by 1 of the following:

(a) A nonremovable and nonreplaceable battery.

(b) Another power source that utilizes new technology.

(4) The battery and power source standards under subsection (3) do not apply to any of the following devices:

(a) A fire alarm, smoke detector, or smoke alarm that receives power from an electrical system of a building, or is electronically connected as part of a centrally monitored or supervised alarm system.

(b) A fire alarm, smoke detector, or smoke alarm with an ancillary component that receives power from an electrical system of a building, or with an ancillary component that is electronically connected as part of a centrally monitored or supervised alarm system.

(c) A fire alarm, smoke detector, or smoke alarm, or a fire alarm, smoke detector, or smoke alarm with an ancillary component, that uses 1 or more of the following:

(i) A low-power radio frequency wireless communication signal.

(ii) Wi-Fi or other wireless local area networking capability to send and receive notifications to and from the internet.

(5) As used in this section, "person" means an individual, estate, business or nonprofit entity, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or other legal entity.

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