
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that smoke alarms, when
2 properly installed and maintained, play a vital role in reducing
3 fire deaths and injuries. When there is a fire, smoke spreads
4 fast and working smoke alarms give people an early warning so they
5 can escape quickly. Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire
6 escape plan.

7 The purpose of this Act is to require sellers of buildings or
8 structures occupied in whole or in part for residential purposes to
9 equip the buildings or structures with working smoke alarms.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 132, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
11 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read
12 as follows:

13 "§132- Smoke alarms; residences. (a) All buildings
14 and structures that are wholly or partially occupied for
15 residential purposes shall be equipped by the seller, upon the
16 sale or transfer of the building or structure, with approved



1 smoke alarms in accordance with current state or county building
2 or residential codes.

3 (b) Each county fire department shall enforce the
4 provisions of this section."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

State Fire Council Package; Residential Smoke Alarms

Description:

Requires sellers of residential buildings or structures to equip approved smoke alarms in accordance with current state or county building or residential codes.

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