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LCO No. 5880



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF BATTERY-POWERED SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE STATE.

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, 2025, 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) A person may sell smoke detection and warning equipment that
14 does not meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section on or
15 after October 1, 2025, if such person (1) possesses such equipment on

16 October 1, 2025, or (2) has placed an order for such equipment prior to
17 October 1, 2025.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the sale of smoke detection and warning equipment that is powered solely by a battery unless the equipment has a nonremovable, nonreplaceable battery capable of powering the equipment for a minimum of ten years.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]