

House Bill 4027

Sponsored by Representative WALLAN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Limits local government regulations on certain nonresidential alarm systems and battery-charged fences.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to alarms.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Alarm system" means any electrical, mechanical or electronic device or sensor used**
6 **to prevent, detect or alert law enforcement or occupants of burglary, theft, or intrusion of**
7 **a structure or a vehicle used as a commercial structure.**

8 (b) **"Battery-charged fence" means a fence that interfaces with an alarm system in a**
9 **manner that enables the fence to cause the connected alarm system to transmit a signal**
10 **intended to summon law enforcement in response to an intrusion and has an energizer that**
11 **is driven by battery.**

12 (c) **"IEC standards" means the standards set by the International Electrotechnical**
13 **Commission as most recently published on or before January 1, 2021.**

14 **(2) A battery-charged fence:**

15 (a) **Must use a battery that is not more than 12 volts of direct current;**

16 (b) **Must produce an electric charge on contact that does not exceed energizer charac-**
17 **teristics set for electric fence energizers by IEC standards;**

18 (c) **Must be surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is not less than five**
19 **feet in height;**

20 (d) **May not be higher than the greater of 10 feet in height or two feet higher than the**
21 **height of the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall; and**

22 (e) **Must be marked with conspicuous warning signs that are located on the fence at not**
23 **more than 30-foot intervals and that read: "WARNING: ELECTRIC FENCE."**

24 (3) **Except as required by state building code, a local government, as defined in ORS**
25 **197.015, may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, land use regulation or building code for**
26 **property not zoned or used for residential use that:**

27 (a) **Prohibits the installation or use of a battery-charged fence.**

28 (b) **Imposes installation or operational requirements inconsistent with IEC standards or**
29 **this section for an alarm system or battery-charged fence.**

30 (c) **Requires a permit for the installation or use of a battery-charged fence that is addi-**
31 **tional to an alarm system permit issued by the local government.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

