

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 917 - SB 1036

March 4, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Replaces the term “smoke detector” with “smoke alarm” in Tennessee Code Annotated. Requires all smoke alarms in one- and two-family rental units and dwellings, apartment buildings, and hotels to comply with and conform to the minimum statewide building construction safety standards promulgated by the State Fire Marshal.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003797): Removes language in the original bill that permitted smoke alarms to be hardwired directly to a building’s power supply. The bill as amended retains language permitting smoke alarms to be wired directly to a building’s power supply.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation does not significantly change the requirements of owners of residential buildings with regards to installing smoke alarms.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, current building standards were adopted pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §68-120-101. The provisions of the bill will not affect the regulatory functions of the department.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

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- Requirements for smoke detectors or smoke alarms will not be significantly changed by this legislation. Any failure by an owner of a residential building to adhere to the requirements of this bill would be a violation of current law.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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