

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 917 - SB 1036**

February 27, 2015

**SUMMARY OF 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.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- 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:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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