

HOUSE BILL 53

By Potts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke
alarms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() Must require for all newly constructed one-family and two-family dwellings, and recommend for all other new construction, that any smoke alarm, as defined in § 68-120-112(a), that is installed contain a sealed battery unit designed to enable the smoke alarm to operate continuously for a period not less than ten (10) years.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-111, is amended by deleting the language, "equipped with a smoke alarm that has been" and substituting instead the language, "equipped with a smoke alarm that contains a sealed battery unit designed to enable the smoke alarm to operate continuously for a period not less than ten (10) years, and that has been".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the construction of new one-family and two-family dwellings that begins on or after that date.