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SENATE BILL No. 127

DIGEST OF SB 127 (Updated January 9, 2025 10:33 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 36-1.

Synopsis: Battery charged security devices. Prohibits a county, city, or town from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or resolution that prohibits or imposes requirements on certain battery charged security devices.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

Buck

January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 13, 2025, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-1-33 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2025]:
4 **Chapter 33. Battery Charged Security Devices**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "alarm system" means any**
6 **electrical, mechanical, or electronic device or sensor that prevents,**
7 **detects, verifies, and may alert law enforcement in response to an**
8 **intrusion on property protected by the alarm system.**
9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "battery charged security**
10 **device" means a security device that:**
11 **(1) interfaces with an alarm system in a manner that enables**
12 **the security device to cause the connected alarm system to**
13 **transmit a signal intended to prompt an alert to law**
14 **enforcement in response to an intrusion on the property; and**
15 **(2) has an energizer driven by a commercial storage battery.**
16 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "IEC standards" means the**
17 **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards most**

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Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "unit" means a county, city, or town.

Sec. 5. (a) This section applies only to a battery charged security device that:

- (1) is not located in an area zoned exclusively for single family or multi-family residential use;
- (2) uses a commercial storage battery that does not exceed twelve (12) volts of direct current;
- (3) produces an electric charge on contact that does not exceed energizer characteristics set by IEC standards;
- (4) is completely surrounded on the outside perimeter by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is at least five (5) feet in height;
- (5) is not higher than the greater of:
 - (A) ten (10) feet in height; or
 - (B) two (2) feet higher than the height of the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall described in subdivision (4); and
- (6) has conspicuous warning signs that:
 - (A) are located at not less than sixty (60) foot intervals on the battery charged security device; and
 - (B) read: "WARNING: ELECTRIC SECURITY DEVICE".

(b) A unit may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or resolution that does any of the following with regard to a battery charged security device described in subsection (a):

- (1) Prohibits the installation or use of a battery charged security device.
- (2) Requires a permit or fee for the installation or use of a battery charged security device that is in addition to any fee or alarm system permit required for any other alarm system by the unit. No additional permit or fee shall be required for the battery charged security device.
- (3) Imposes installation or operational requirements inconsistent with this chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 127, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 127 as introduced.)

BUCK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

