

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

HB 344

2020 Regular Session

Landry

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS. Provides relative to the regulation of battery-charged fences by parishes and municipalities. (8/1/20)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Provides that "battery-charged fence" does not include electrically charged fence used for agriculture or animal containment purposes.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Proposed law defines "battery-charged fence" as a new or existing alarm system and ancillary components or equipment attached to such a system, including but not limited to: a fence, a battery-operated energizer which is intended to periodically deliver voltage impulses to the fence connected to it, and a battery charging device used exclusively to charge the battery.

Provides that a "battery-charged fence" does not mean an electrically charged fence used for agriculture or animal containment purposes.

Proposed law authorizes parish and municipal governing authorities to provide, by ordinance, for the regulation of battery-charged fences installed in their jurisdictions. Provides that such ordinances must require that battery-charged fences meet certain requirements including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Interfaces with a monitored alarm device in a manner that enables the alarm system to transmit a signal intended to summon law enforcement in response to an intrusion or burglary.
- (2) Is located on property that is not zoned exclusively for residential use.
- (3) Has an energizer that is powered by a commercial storage battery that is not more than 12 volts of direct current.
- (4) Is the higher of 10 feet or two feet higher than the height of the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall.
- (5) Is marked with conspicuous warning signs that are located on the battery-charged fence reading "WARNING-ELECTRIC FENCE".

Proposed law prohibits a parish or municipal governing authority from enacting an ordinance that:

- (1) Requires a permit or fee for the installation or use of a battery-charged fence that is in addition to an alarm system permit.
- (2) Imposes installation or operational requirements for the battery-charged fence that are inconsistent with proposed law.
- (3) Prohibits the installation or use of a battery-charged fence.

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(Adds R.S. 33:1376)

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