



Substitute Senate Bill No. 343

Public Act No. 24-71

AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND BATTERY-CHARGED SECURITY FENCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 29-251 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There shall be within the Department of Administrative Services a Codes and Standards Committee whose duty it shall be to work with the State Building Inspector in the enforcement of this part and the State Fire Marshal in the enforcement of part II of this chapter as set forth [herein] in this section. The committee shall be composed of [twenty-one] twenty-three members, residents of the state, appointed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services as follows: (1) Two shall be architects licensed in the state of Connecticut; (2) three shall be professional engineers licensed in the state of Connecticut, two of whom shall practice either structural, mechanical or electrical engineering but in no event shall both of such members represent the same specialty, and one of whom shall be a practicing fire protection engineer or mechanical engineer with extensive experience in fire protection; (3) [two] four shall be builders, remodelers or superintendents of construction, one of whom shall have expertise in single-family

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detached residential construction, [and] one of whom shall have expertise in [nonresidential] multifamily residential construction, one of whom shall have expertise in residential remodeling and one of whom shall have expertise in commercial construction; (4) one shall be a public health official; (5) two shall be building officials; (6) two shall be local fire marshals; (7) one shall be a Connecticut member of a national building trades labor organization; (8) one shall have expertise in matters relating to energy efficiency; (9) four shall be public members, one of whom shall have expertise in matters relating to accessibility and use of facilities by persons with physical disabilities; (10) one shall be a contractor licensed to perform electrical work or a member of a state-wide electrical trades labor organization; (11) one shall be a contractor licensed to perform plumbing and piping work or a member of a state-wide plumbing trades labor organization; and (12) one shall be a contractor licensed to perform heating, piping and cooling work or a member of a state-wide heating and cooling trades labor organization. Each member, other than the public members, shall have had not less than ten years' practical experience in such member's profession or business. The committee shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing the procedure of the committee. Members who fail to attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per cent of all meetings during a calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned. The committee may, within the limits of appropriations provided therefor, employ such assistants as may be necessary to conduct its business.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section, "battery-charged security fence" means an alarm system and ancillary components, or equipment attached to such system, including, but not limited to, a fence, an energizer, cameras and a battery-charging device used exclusively to charge the battery that:

(1) Interfaces with a monitored alarm device in a manner that enables

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the alarm system to transmit a signal intended to summon the owner of the business protected by such fence or a law enforcement officer in response to an intrusion or burglary;

(2) Is located on property that is not zoned by a municipality exclusively for residential use;

(3) Has an energizer that is powered by a commercial storage battery that is not more than twelve volts of direct current and meets the standard set forth in International Electrotechnical Commission Standard 60335-2-76;

(4) Is behind and interior to a nonelectric fence, wall or barrier that is not less than five feet in height;

(5) Is the higher of ten feet in height, or at least two feet higher than the nonelectric fence described in subdivision (4) of this subsection; and

(6) Is marked with conspicuous warning signs that are located on such battery-charged security fence at no more than thirty-foot intervals, and such signs state: "WARNING – ELECTRIC FENCE".

(b) Notwithstanding any general statute, special act, local law, ordinance or charter, a municipality shall not adopt or enforce an ordinance, order or regulation that:

(1) Requires a permit or fee to install or use a battery-charged security fence that is in addition to an alarm system permit, and no permit or fee other than for an alarm system shall be required for such a fence;

(2) Imposes installation or operational requirements for a battery-charged security fence that are inconsistent with those described in subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section; or

(3) Prohibits the installation or use of a battery-charged security fence.

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