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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2603

As Recommended by House Committee on
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Brief*

HB 2603 would prohibit regulation of battery-charged security fences by municipalities.

The bill would prohibit a municipality from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, code, standard or regulation, or portion thereof that:

- Requires a permit or fee for the installation or use of a battery-charged security fence that is in addition to any permit or fee required by the municipality for an alarm system;
- Imposes installation or operational requirements for a battery-charged security fence that are inconsistent or conflict with or that are additional to the requirements of the bill; or
- Prohibits or imposes conditions upon the installation, operation, placement, servicing, or maintenance of a battery-charged security fence.

The bill would specify that it would not be construed to prohibit municipal regulation of any security alarm system that does not meet the definition of a battery-charged security fence.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Definitions

The bill would define the following terms:

- “Battery-charged security fence” to mean an assembly of integrated battery-powered equipment and ancillary security features, including, but not limited to, a monitored alarm device and energizer that periodically delivers pulses to the integrated security fence and a batter charging device used exclusively to charge the security systems battery and that:
 - Integrates with a monitored alarm device in a manner that enables the security system to transmit a signal in response to an intrusion or burglary that alerts any business protected by the security system and a monitoring station operator with the capability of immediately alerting local law enforcement with jurisdiction over the location of the security system;
 - Is located on property that is not designated by a municipality exclusively for residential use;
 - Is energized by an energizer that is powered by a commercial storage battery that does not exceed 12 volts of direct current and meets the standards set forth by the International Electrotechnical Commission standard 60335-2-76 as in effect on July 1, 2026;
 - Is installed behind a nonelectric perimeter fence, wall or other barrier that is at least five feet in height;
 - Is 10 feet in height or 2 feet higher than the nonelectric perimeter fence, wall or other barrier, whichever is greater; and
 - Is marked with conspicuous warning signs that are located at not less than 30-foot intervals that read: "Warning-Electric Fence."

- “Municipality” to mean any county, township, city, district of whatever name or nature or any other political subdivision of this state, including any board, bureau, commission, committee or other agency, having power to regulate the use of private property or the installation or operation of electric or nonelectric security fencing or alarm systems on private property. "Municipality" would not include a homeowners or similar private, nongovernmental association.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development at the request of Representative Sutton.

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative from AMAROK Ultimate Perimeter Security. The proponent voiced support for the bill on the basis that battery-charged fences are a deterrent against property crimes against businesses such as theft, trespassing, and vandalism.

Written-only proponent testimony was submitted by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

Opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities, who voiced concerns over the ability of municipalities to respond to the varied environment and safety needs across the state and the preemption of local authority by state regulation.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget on this bill, the League of Kansas Municipalities stated that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal impact for cities.

Battery-charged fence; electric fence; fence; alarm; municipality