

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1411

Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 13113.95 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to fire protection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1411, as introduced, Eduardo Garcia. Fire protection: type 1 clothes dryers.

Existing law establishes the Office of the State Fire Marshal in the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and requires the office to foster, promote, and develop ways and means of protecting life and property against fire and panic. Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt regulations and standards necessary to control the quality and installation of fire alarm systems and devices marketed, distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state. Existing law prohibits a person from marketing, distributing, offering for sale, or selling any fire alarm system or device in this state unless the system or device has been approved or listed by the State Fire Marshal. Existing law makes a violation of the above provision, and others relating to fire protection, a crime.

This bill would require, on or before July 1, 2017, the State Fire Marshal, with the advice of the State Board of Fire Services, to adopt regulations and standards requiring a visual warning device on a type 1 clothes dryer, as defined, that indicates a hazardous lint buildup. The bill would prohibit, after January 1, 2018, a type 1 clothes dryer from being marketed, distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state by a retailer unless the dryer incorporates a visual warning device that

indicates a hazardous lint buildup. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13113.95 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:

3 13113.95. (a) On or before July 1, 2017 the State Fire Marshal,
4 with the advice of the State Board of Fire Services, shall adopt
5 regulations and standards requiring a visual warning device on a
6 type 1 clothes dryer that indicates a hazardous lint buildup.

7 (b) After January 1, 2018, no type 1 clothes dryer shall be
8 marketed, distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state by a
9 retailer unless the dryer incorporates a visual warning device that
10 indicates a hazardous lint buildup pursuant to regulations adopted
11 pursuant to subdivision (a).

12 (c) For purposes of this section, “type 1 clothes dryer” means
13 an appliance used in a residential living environment, including
14 one that is coin-operated for public use in a residential living
15 environment. “Type 1 clothes dryer” does not include dryers used
16 for commercial purposes.

17 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
18 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
19 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
20 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
21 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
22 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
23 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
24 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
25 Constitution.

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