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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1411**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia**

February 27, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1411, as amended, 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 *and audible* 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 *and audible* 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 *and audible* warning  
6 device on a type 1 clothes dryer that indicates a hazardous lint  
7 buildup.

8 (b) After January 1, 2018, ~~no~~ a type 1 clothes dryer shall *not*  
9 be marketed, distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state by  
10 a retailer unless the dryer incorporates a visual *and audible* warning  
11 device that indicates a hazardous lint buildup pursuant to  
12 regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (a).

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

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

1 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
2 Constitution.

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