

HOUSE BILL NO. 880

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2/19 Referred to Business & Labor
2/22 Hearing
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1 *HOUSE* BILL NO. 880
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Carroll*
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE OF
 6 SUPPLIERS, INSTALLERS, AND MAINTENANCE PERSONS FOR FIRE
 7 ALARMS, SECURITY ALARMS, AND FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT."

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 9 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the public
 10 welfare and safety requires that persons engaged in the
 11 business of supplying, installing, or maintaining fire
 12 alarms, security alarms, or fire suppression equipment be
 13 insured to protect the public from hazardous products and
 14 unprofessional conduct.

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 16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

17 Section 1. Definition. As used in [this act], "board"
 18 means the board of fire alarm, security alarm, and fire
 19 suppression equipment installers and maintenance examiners
 20 established under ___ Bill No. ___ [LC 1874].

21 Section 2. Product liability insurance. A person,
 22 firm, or agency supplying fire alarms, security alarms, or
 23 fire suppression equipment shall file a certificate of
 24 product liability insurance [with the board and] with the
 25 state fire marshal. The limits of the product liability may

1 not be less than those established by the board.

2 Section 3. Contractor's liability insurance. A person
 3 who installs or maintains fire alarm, security alarm, or
 4 fire suppression equipment shall file a certificate of
 5 contractor's blanket liability [with the board and] with the
 6 state fire marshal. The limits of the contractor's blanket
 7 liability may not be less than those established by the
 8 board.

9 Section 4. Fire marshal to assign number. The state
 10 fire marshal shall assign a number for each product
 11 liability and each contractor's blanket liability insurance
 12 policy. This number must be included on any invoice,
 13 checkoff sheet, or similar document provided by a supplier,
 14 installer, or maintenance person.

15 Section 5. Penalties. Any person, firm, or agency
 16 violating [section 2 or 3] is guilty of a misdemeanor.

17 Section 6. Extension of authority. (1) Any existing
 18 authority of the state fire marshal to make rules on the
 19 subject of the provisions of this act is extended to the
 20 provisions of this act.

21 (2) Any rulemaking authority granted the board in
 22 ___ Bill No. ___ [LC 1874] is extended to the provisions of
 23 this act.

24 Section 7. Coordination instruction. If ___ Bill No. ___
 25 [LC 1874], including the provisions creating the board of



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1 fire alarm, security alarm, and fire suppression equipment
2 installers and maintenance examiners, is not passed and
3 approved, sections 1 and 6(2) of this bill are void, the
4 bracketed language in sections 2 and 3 of this bill is void,
5 and remaining references to "board" in sections 2 and 3 are
6 changed to "state fire marshal".

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Section 1. Product liability LIABILITY -- SUPPLIERS insurance. A person, firm, or agency supplying fire alarms, security alarms, or fire suppression equipment shall file a certificate of product liability insurance with the board and with the state fire marshal. The limits of the product

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Section 2. Contractor's liability LIABILITY -- INSTALLERS insurance. A person who installs or maintains fire alarm, security alarm, or fire suppression equipment shall file a certificate of contractor's blanket liability with the board and INSURANCE with the state fire marshal. The limits of the contractor's blanket liability INSURANCE may not be less than those established by the board \$100,000 COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT.

Section 4. Fire marshal to assign number. The state fire marshal shall assign a number for each product liability and each contractor's blanket liability insurance policy. This number must be included on any invoice, checkoff sheet, or similar document provided by a supplier, installer, or maintenance person.

Section 3. Penalties. Any person, firm, or agency violating [section 2 or 3] is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 4. Extension of authority. Any existing authority of the state fire marshal to make rules on the subject of the provisions of this act is extended to the provisions of this act.

(2) Any rulemaking authority granted the board in Bill No. 1874 is extended to the provisions of this act.



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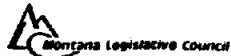
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