

ASSEMBLY, No. 3801

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Limits authority of municipality to impose assessments for false alarm by alarm system.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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12 (2) any activation of an alarm system caused by the unauthorized
13 entry by any person upon the property or any portion thereof.

18 c. As used in this section:

23 “Alarm user” means any person, firm, partnership, association,
24 corporation, company, or organization of any kind in control of any
25 building, premises, structure or facility or portion thereof wherein
26 an alarm system is installed, operated, or maintained.

“False alarm” means an alarm system dispatch request to the police department which results in the responding officer finding no evidence of a criminal offense or attempted criminal offense after completing an investigation of the alarm site, and includes any alarm system activated by inadvertence, negligence, or the unintentional act of someone other than an intruder and includes alarms caused by the malfunctioning of the alarm system or other relevant equipment.

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43 This bill prohibits a municipality from imposing an assessment
44 against an alarm user for the first two false alarms activated by an
45 alarm system during a calendar year. Additionally, this bill
46 prohibits a municipality from imposing an assessment against an
47 alarm user when the alarm system is triggered by unauthorized
48 entry.

1 Currently, there is no Statewide standard for a municipality
2 addressing a false alarm. Throughout the State there are
3 municipalities that fine an alarm user upon the second occurrence of
4 a false alarm while other municipalities do not fine an alarm user
5 until the fifth or more false alarm. This bill would create one
6 Statewide standard by which municipalities may fine alarm users
7 that experience multiple false alarms in any given calendar year.