

By: Monson of the Senate
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An Act relating to state government; defining terms; setting parameters for installation of burglar bars on certain windows and doors; providing for promulgation of rules; requiring certain windows and doors have safety release mechanisms; requiring the State Fire Marshal to set certain standards for installation of burglar bars; providing for distribution of certain materials to fire departments and municipalities; setting penalty; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 324.11c of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For the purpose of this section:

1. "Burglar bars" are security bars located on the inside or outside of a door or window of a residential dwelling; and
2. "Residential dwelling" means a house, apartment, motel, hotel, manufactured home, mobile home, or multiunit manufactured housing.

B. A person may not install burglar bars on a door or window of a bedroom in a residential dwelling unless:

1. The burglar bars on at least one door or window in the bedroom have an interior release mechanism; or
2. At least one window or door from the bedroom to the exterior may be opened for emergency escape or rescue.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 324.11d of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. On or before November 1, 2000, the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall promulgate rules for standards to control the quality and installation of burglar bars and safety release mechanisms installed, marketed, distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state.

B. On or after January 1, 2001, no person shall install burglar bars and safety release mechanisms in this state unless the burglar bars and safety release mechanisms meet the standards established by the State Fire Marshal.

C. The State Fire Marshal shall prepare and distribute to local fire departments and municipalities the rules adopted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal relating to burglar bars.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 324.11e of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Municipalities may establish a misdemeanor penalty for a violation of the provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives