

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1278

By: Peters, Hamilton,  
Morrissette and Cooksey of  
the House

and

Myers of the Senate

An Act relating to residential dwellings; requiring removable bars on residential escape and rescue openings; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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:

Any residential occupancy built or retrofitted after November 1, 2005, that have installed bars, grills, covers, screens, or similar devices that are placed over emergency escape and rescue openings, bulkhead enclosures, windows, or window wells, shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool, or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue openings, bulkhead enclosures, windows, or window wells.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of February,  
2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 11th day of April, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate