

State of Wisconsin



2021 Senate Bill 812

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT 197

AN ACT *to create* 66.0440 of the statutes; **relating to:** regulation of certain electric fences.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.0440 of the statutes is created to read:

66.0440 Battery-powered, alarmed electric security fences. (1) In this section:

(a) "Battery-powered, alarmed electric security fence" means an electric fence that satisfies all of the following:

1. Is equipped with an energizer that produces direct current and is powered by a commercial storage battery with a voltage of not greater than 12 volts.
2. Produces an electric charge on contact that satisfies standards provided by the International Electrotechnical Commission, as published in the latest version of the commission's standards for electric fence energizers.
3. Is connected to a system that is capable of signaling law enforcement.
4. Includes warning signage that a battery-powered, alarmed electric security fence is in operation.
5. Is surrounded by a perimeter fence or wall that is at least 5 feet in height.

6. Is no more than 10 feet in height, or 2 feet higher than the perimeter fence or wall, whichever is higher.

(b) "Political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county.

(2) No political subdivision may do any of the following:

(a) Prohibit the installation or use of a battery-powered, alarmed electric security fence, except on property designated exclusively for residential use.

(b) Require a permit, other than an alarm system permit, for the installation or use of a battery-powered, alarmed electric security fence.

(c) Impose installation or operation requirements that are inconsistent with the standards set by the International Electrotechnical Commission for installation or operation of an electrified fence that is a component of a battery-powered, alarmed electric security fence.

(3) No person may locate a battery-powered, alarmed electric security fence on property designated exclusively for residential use.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."