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**H.B. 304**  
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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Passed by the House

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Baldrige

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The State Fire Marshal and the Board of Building Standards, both within the Department of Commerce, may incur some minimal administrative costs to adopt rules requiring installation of certain sealed battery smoke detectors in residential buildings under the bill. Any such costs would be paid from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) and the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560).
- Once rules are adopted and enforced under the Ohio Fire Code and Residential and Nonresidential Building Codes, there may be a minimal increase in fines and civil penalties collected by the State Fire Marshal and Board of Building Standards. Violations under these Codes may include fines of up to \$500 under the Building Code or civil penalties of up to \$1,000 under the Ohio Fire Code.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The State Fire Marshal and the Board of Building Standards, both within the Department of Commerce, could incur minimal administrative costs to adopt rules requiring installation of certain sealed battery smoke detectors in residential buildings under the conditions specified in the bill (please consult the LSC bill analysis for more details). Any costs would be paid from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) and Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560). Once rules are adopted, the requirements will be enforced using the normal procedures under the Ohio Fire Code and the Residential and Nonresidential Building Codes. Violations may include fines up to \$500 under the Building Code, civil penalties of up to \$1,000 under the Ohio Fire Code, and possible misdemeanor convictions under both codes.