



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
2009-10 Legislative Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

HOUSE BILL: 1445

PRINTER'S NO: 1774 PRIME SPONSOR: Solobay  
As amended by A05441

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
<b>Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**OVERVIEW:**

House Bill 1445, as amended by amendment A05441, is a standalone act which requires carbon monoxide alarms to be installed in existing residential buildings that have fossil fuel-burning heaters or appliances, or that have an attached garage. An alarm must be installed by the owner of the building outside of each sleeping area in the vicinity of the bedrooms.

This bill takes effect in 120 days.

**ANALYSIS:**

The bill, as amended, creates summary offenses for failing to maintain carbon monoxide alarms in working condition or tampering with or disconnecting an alarm, with a fine of \$500. A subsequent conviction of tampering with the alarm is a misdemeanor of the third degree, punishable by a fine of \$3,000. A municipality may, by resolution, administer and enforce the provisions of the bill. They may also, at their discretion, adopt equal or more stringent requirements relating to carbon monoxide alarms. As municipalities are the entities able to enforce the provisions, the bill has no cost to the commonwealth.

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