

House Bill 1139

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions relative to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that each  
3 person or company which services, maintains, operates, or leases as lessor any burglar alarm  
4 system, fire alarm system, or other electronic security system pay to the county or municipal  
5 corporation in which such system is installed a fee of \$1.00 per month for each such system;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
10 provisions relative to counties and municipal corporations, is amended by striking in its  
11 entirety Code Section 36-60-12, relating to the installation, service, operation, sale, or lease  
12 of electronic security systems by counties or municipal corporations, and inserting in lieu  
13 thereof the following:

14 "36-60-12.

15 (a) No county or municipal corporation shall install, service, maintain, operate, sell, or  
16 lease as lessor any burglar alarm system, fire alarm system, or other electronic security  
17 system on private property if a private contractor licensed to do business within the county  
18 or municipality offers such systems or services to the public within such county or  
19 municipality. The provisions of this Code section shall not prohibit a county or municipal  
20 corporation from installing, servicing, maintaining, or operating a burglar alarm system,  
21 fire alarm system, or other electronic security system on any property owned or leased by  
22 such county or municipal corporation. This Code section shall not apply to any county or  
23 municipality offering electronic security systems on January 1, 1988. This Code section  
24 shall not prevent volunteer fire departments from selling or leasing battery operated fire  
25 detection equipment or fire extinguishers in their service areas. Any person violating this

1 Code section or expending county or municipal funds in violation of this Code section shall  
2 be guilty of a misdemeanor.

3 (b) Each person or company which services, maintains, operates, or leases as lessor any  
4 burglar alarm system, fire alarm system, or other electronic security system shall, in  
5 addition to any other licensing fee, pay to the county or municipal corporation in which  
6 such system is installed a fee of \$1.00 per month for each such system to offset the cost to  
7 such political subdivision caused by false alarms sounded by such systems."

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.