

House Bill 218

By: Representative Jones of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 25-2-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 smoke detectors required in new dwellings and dwelling units and exceptions, so as to
3 provide that any battery operated smoke detector installed on or after January 1, 2014, shall
4 meet certain specifications; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 25-2-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to smoke detectors
8 required in new dwellings and dwelling units and exceptions, is amended by revising
9 subsection (d) as follows:

10 "(d)(1) Detectors shall be listed and meet the installation requirements of NFPA 72. In
11 addition, a one and one-half hour emergency power supply source is required on all
12 detection systems required by this chapter and permitted after April 1, 1992, except
13 where battery operated smoke detectors are allowed.

14 (2) All battery operated detectors installed on or after January 1, 2014, shall contain an
15 integrated battery capable of powering the detector for a minimum of ten years."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.