



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5647

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Residential Weather Radio Safety Act. Provides that every contractor or manufacturer building a new residence in this State shall install a weather radio within each residence. Provides that "residence" includes homes, apartment buildings, condominiums, multifamily homes, manufactured homes or mobile homes, nursing or sheltered care homes, and veterans homes. Establishes requirements for the weather radios. Provides that violation of the Act is a business offense with a fine of \$500 per violation.

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Residential Weather Radio Safety Act.

6 Section 5. Weather radio requirement.

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
8 contrary, every contractor or manufacturer building a new  
9 residence in this State shall install a weather radio within  
10 each residence. As used in this Act, "residence" includes  
11 homes, apartment buildings, condominiums, multifamily homes,  
12 manufactured homes or mobile homes, nursing or sheltered care  
13 homes, and veterans homes. For apartment buildings,  
14 condominiums, multifamily homes, nursing or sheltered care  
15 homes, and veterans homes, each unit shall have its own weather  
16 radio.

17 (b) The weather radios provided by contractors or  
18 manufacturers shall have the following features:

- 19 (1) tone alarm activation;  
20 (2) specific alert message encoding technology; and  
21 (3) public alert standard certification.

22 (c) The installation of weather radios in each residence  
23 shall not subject the contractor or manufacturer of the

1 residence to any liability for the functioning of the weather  
2 radio.

3 (d) Violation of this Act is a business offense with a fine  
4 of \$500 per violation.