

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to alarm systems; amending s. 489.503,  
 3           F.S.; exempting from licensure certain employees and  
 4           sales representatives of alarm system contractors;  
 5           providing for construction; creating s. 553.793, F.S.;  
 6           providing definitions; requiring local enforcement  
 7           agencies to offer for sale to contractors uniform  
 8           basic permit labels; requiring contractors to post an  
 9           unused label in a specified place before commencing  
 10          work on a low-voltage alarm system project; requiring  
 11          contractors to submit a Uniform Notice of Installation  
 12          of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project within a  
 13          specified period; prescribing a form for such notice;  
 14          providing inspection procedures and requirements for  
 15          low-voltage alarm system projects; prohibiting  
 16          specified local governments from adopting or  
 17          maintaining certain ordinances and rules; providing  
 18          that an additional uniform basic permit label shall  
 19          not be required to perform work on certain alarm  
 20          systems; providing for applicability; providing an  
 21          effective date.

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 23   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 25           Section 1. Subsection (23) is added to section 489.503,  
 26   Florida Statutes, to read:

27           489.503 Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:  
 28           (23) (a) An employee or sales representative of an alarm

29 system contractor who is located within the state, if the  
30 employee or sales representative:

31 1. Does not install or repair alarm systems on end-user  
32 premises; and

33 2. Does not possess access to alarm system arm or disarm  
34 codes or alarm system installer codes for specific end-user  
35 premises.

36 (b) An employee or sales representative of an alarm system  
37 contractor who is located outside the state, if the employee or  
38 sales representative does not install or repair alarm systems on  
39 end-user premises and he or she:

40 1. Complies with the applicable alarm system laws of the  
41 state in which he or she is located; or

42 2. Has received a satisfactory fingerprint and background  
43 check from a state or federal agency.

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45 This subsection shall not be construed to limit the exemptions  
46 provided in subsection (6).

47 Section 2. Section 553.793, Florida Statutes, is created  
48 to read:

49 553.793 Streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation  
50 permitting.—

51 (1) As used in this section, the term:

52 (a) "Contractor" means a person who is qualified to engage  
53 in the business of electrical or alarm system contracting  
54 pursuant to a certificate or registration issued by the  
55 department under part II of chapter 489.

56 (b) "Low-voltage alarm system project" means a project

57 related to the installation, maintenance, inspection,  
58 replacement, or service of a new or existing alarm system, as  
59 defined in s. 489.505, operating at low voltage, as defined in  
60 the National Electrical Code Standard 70, Current Edition, or  
61 ancillary components or equipment attached to such an alarm  
62 system, including, but not limited to, home-automation  
63 equipment, thermostats, and video cameras.

64 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law, this section  
65 applies to low-voltage alarm system projects for which a permit  
66 is required by a local enforcement agency.

67 (3) A local enforcement agency shall make uniform basic  
68 permit labels available for purchase by a contractor to be used  
69 for the installation or replacement of a new or existing alarm  
70 system at a cost of not more than \$55 per label per project. A  
71 contractor may purchase labels in bulk for one or more  
72 unspecified current or future projects.

73 (a) A local enforcement agency may not require a  
74 contractor, as a condition of purchasing a label, to submit  
75 information other than identification information of the  
76 licensee and proof of registration or certification as a  
77 contractor.

78 (b) A label is valid for 1 year after the date of purchase  
79 and may only be used within the jurisdiction of the local  
80 enforcement agency that issued the label.

81 (4) A contractor shall post an unused uniform basic permit  
82 label in a conspicuous place on the premises of the low-voltage  
83 alarm system project site before commencing work on the project.

84 (5) A contractor is not required to notify the local

85 enforcement agency before commencing work on a low-voltage alarm  
 86 system project. However, a contractor must submit a Uniform  
 87 Notice of Installation of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project as  
 88 provided under subsection (6) to the local enforcement agency  
 89 within 21 days after completing the project. A local enforcement  
 90 agency may take disciplinary action against a contractor who  
 91 fails to timely submit a Uniform Notice of Installation of a  
 92 Low-Voltage Alarm System Project.

93 (6) The Uniform Notice of Installation of a Low-Voltage  
 94 Alarm System Project may be submitted electronically or by  
 95 facsimile if all submissions are signed by the owner, tenant,  
 96 contractor, or authorized representative of such persons. The  
 97 Uniform Notice of Installation of a Low-Voltage Alarm System  
 98 Project must contain the following information:

99 Tax Folio No.....

100 UNIFORM NOTICE OF INSTALLATION OF  
 101 A LOW-VOLTAGE ALARM SYSTEM PROJECT

102 Owner's or Tenant's Name.....  
 103 Owner's or Tenant's Address.....  
 104 Fee Simple Titleholder's Name (If different from above).....  
 105 Fee Simple Titleholder's Address (If different from above).....  
 106 City.....  
 107 State..... Zip.....  
 108 Phone Number.....  
 109 E-mail Address.....  
 110 Contractor's Name.....  
 111 Contractor's Address.....  
 112 City.....

113 | State..... Zip.....  
 114 | Phone Number.....  
 115 | Contractor's License Number.....  
 116 | Date Project Completed.....  
 117 | Scope of Work.....  
 118 | Notice is hereby given that a low-voltage alarm system project  
 119 | has been completed at the address specified above. I certify  
 120 | that all of the foregoing information is true and accurate.  
 121 | ...(Signature of Owner, Tenant, Contractor, or Authorized  
 122 | Representative Agent)...

123 |       (7) A low-voltage alarm system project may be inspected by  
 124 | the local enforcement agency to ensure compliance with  
 125 | applicable codes and standards. The local enforcement agency  
 126 | shall contact the owner or tenant of the property where the  
 127 | project was completed to coordinate an inspection. If a low-  
 128 | voltage alarm system project fails an inspection, the contractor  
 129 | must take corrective action as necessary to pass inspection. A  
 130 | new uniform basic permit label shall be posted by the contractor  
 131 | after each failed inspection until the project passes  
 132 | inspection.

133 |       (8) A municipality, county, district, or other entity of  
 134 | local government may not adopt or maintain in effect an  
 135 | ordinance or rule regarding a low-voltage alarm system project  
 136 | that is inconsistent with this section.

137 |       (9) A uniform basic permit label shall not be required for  
 138 | the subsequent maintenance, inspection, or service of an alarm  
 139 | system that was permitted in accordance with this section.

140 |       (10) This section does not apply to the installation or

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141 | replacement of a fire alarm if a plan review is required.

142 | Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.