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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to alarm confirmation; amending s.
 3 489.529, F.S.; revising requirements for alarm
 4 confirmation to include additional methods by which an
 5 alarm monitoring company may confirm a residential or
 6 commercial intrusion/burglary alarm signal and to
 7 require that two attempts be made to confirm an alarm
 8 signal; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Section 489.529, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 13 read:

14 489.529 Alarm confirmation ~~verification~~ calls required.—All
 15 residential or commercial intrusion/burglary alarms that have
 16 central monitoring must have alarm monitoring personnel attempt
 17 to confirm the alarm signal by have a central monitoring
 18 verification call, text message, or other electronic means made
 19 to a telephone number associated with a person at the premises
 20 generating the alarm signal, before alarm monitor personnel
 21 contact a law enforcement agency for alarm dispatch. The central
 22 monitoring station must attempt to confirm employ call-
 23 verification methods for the premises generating the alarm
 24 signal a second time via communication with the premise owner,
 25 occupant, or his or her authorized designee if the first attempt
 26 to confirm call is unsuccessful not answered. However, alarm
 27 signal confirmation verification ~~calling~~ is not required if:

28 (1) The intrusion/burglary alarm has a properly operating
 29 visual or auditory sensor that enables the alarm monitoring

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30 personnel to verify the alarm signal; or

31 (2) The intrusion/burglary alarm is installed on a premises
32 that is used for the storage of firearms or ammunition by a
33 person who holds a valid federal firearms license as a
34 manufacturer, importer, or dealer of firearms or ammunition,
35 provided the customer notifies the alarm monitoring company that
36 he or she holds such license and would like to bypass the two-
37 attempt ~~two-call~~ verification protocol. Upon initiation of a new
38 alarm monitoring service contract, the alarm monitoring company
39 shall make reasonable efforts to inform a customer who holds a
40 valid federal firearms license as a manufacturer, importer, or
41 dealer of firearms or ammunition of his or her right to opt out
42 of the two-attempt ~~two-call~~ verification protocol.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.