| 1  | A bill to be entitled  |
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| 2  | An act relating to alarm system contractors; amending          |
| 3  | s. 489.521, F.S.; providing that advertisements for            |
| 4  | alarm system contracting do not have to include the            |
| 5  | contractor's registration or certification number              |
| 6  | under certain circumstances; amending s. 553.7921,             |
| 7  | F.S.; authorizing a contractor to begin repairing a            |
| 8  | specified fire alarm system under certain conditions;          |
| 9  | providing that a repaired fire alarm system is not             |
| 10 | compliant with applicable codes and standards until            |
| 11 | certain conditions are met; conforming provisions to           |
| 12 | changes made by the act; providing an effective date.          |
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| 14 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:      |
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| 16 | Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section          |
| 17 | 489.521, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:                 |
| 18 | 489.521 Business organizations; qualifying agents              |
| 19 | (7)  |
| 20 | (b) The registration or certification number of a              |
| 21 | contractor shall be stated in each offer of services, business |
| 22 | proposal, or advertisement, regardless of medium, used by that |
| 23 | contractor. For the purposes of this part, the term            |
| 24 | "advertisement" does not include business stationery or any    |
| 25 | promotional novelties such as balloons, pencils, trinkets, or  |
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26 articles of clothing. This paragraph does not apply to a 27 newspaper, magazine, flyer, billboard, phone book, Internet, or 28 broadcast advertisement for alarm system contracting as long as 29 the contractor maintains an Internet website that contains the 30 contractor's registration or certification number and the 31 advertisement directs consumers to the contractor's Internet 32 website. 33 The board shall assess a fine of not less than \$100 or (C) issue a citation to any contractor who fails to include that 34 35 contractor's certification or registration number when 36 submitting an advertisement for publication, broadcast, or 37 printing. In addition, any person who claims in any 38 advertisement to be a certified or registered contractor, but 39 who does not hold a valid state certification or registration, commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as 40 41 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 42 Section 2. Section 553.7921, Florida Statutes, is amended 43 to read: 44 553.7921 Fire alarm permit application to local 45 enforcement agency.-46 A contractor must file a Uniform Fire Alarm Permit (1) 47 Application as provided in subsection (2) with the local 48 enforcement agency and must receive the fire alarm permit 49 before:

50 (a) installing or replacing a fire alarm if the local

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enforcement agency requires a plan review for the installation 51 52 or replacement. If the local enforcement agency requires a fire 53 alarm permit in order to repair; or 54 (b) Repairing an existing alarm system that was previously permitted by the local enforcement agency, a contractor must 55 56 file a Uniform Fire Alarm Permit Application as provided in 57 subsection (2) but may begin work before receiving the permit if 58 the local enforcement agency requires a fire alarm permit for 59 the repair. A repaired fire alarm system is not in compliance 60 with applicable codes and standards until the required permit has been issued and the local enforcement agency has approved 61 62 the repair. (2) A Uniform Fire Alarm Permit Application must be 63 64 submitted with any drawing, plan, and supporting documentation 65 required by a local enforcement agency for a project for which a 66 plan review or fire alarm permit is required under subsection (1). The application may be submitted electronically or by facsimile and must be signed by the owner, or the owner's

67 68 69 authorized representative, and the contractor, or the 70 contractor's agent. The application must contain the following 71 information, in a substantially similar form: 72 UNIFORM FIRE ALARM 73 PERMIT APPLICATION 74 Tax Folio No..... Application No..... 75 Owner's or Representative's Name.....

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| 76  | Property Address  |
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| 77  | City Zip State Zip  |
| 78  | Phone Number  |
| 79  | Fee Simple Titleholder's Name (if other than                    |
| 80  | owner)  |
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| 82  | Fee Simple Titleholder's Address (if other than                 |
| 83  | owner)  |
| 84  |   |
| 85  | Description of  |
| 86  | Work  |
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| 88  | New Install Replacement   |
| 89  | Addition Other  |
| 90  | Construction Type   |
| 91  | Proposed Use  |
| 92  | Alarm Contractor's Name   |
| 93  | Alarm Contractor's Address                                      |
| 94  | City Zip State Zip  |
| 95  | Phone Number  |
| 96  | Alarm Contractor's License                                      |
| 97  | Number  |
| 98  | Application is hereby made to obtain a permit to do the work or |
| 99  | installation as indicated. I certify that <del>no work or</del> |
| 100 | installation has commenced before the filing of this permit     |
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| 101 | application and that all of the foregoing information is true |
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| 102 | and accurate.   |
| 103 | (Signature of Owner or Owner's Representative)                |
| 104 | Printed Name  |
| 105 | (Signature of Contractor or Agent)                            |
| 106 | Printed Name  |
| 107 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.           |

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