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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
 ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
 ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
 FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
 WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
 OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Business & Professional
 2 Regulation Subcommittee
 3 Representative Brodeur offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
 7 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 489.503, Florida
 8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 489.503 Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:

10 (5) (a) The sale or installation of any finished products,
 11 materials, or articles of merchandise which are not actually
 12 fabricated into, and do not become a permanent fixed part of,
 13 the structure. ~~This subsection shall not be construed to limit~~
 14 ~~the exemptions provided in subsection (6).~~

15 (b) Employees and sales representatives of an alarm system
 16 contractor, other than employees that (i) attend end-user
 17 premises to install or repair alarm systems or (ii) have access
 18 to alarm system arm or disarm codes or alarm system installer
 19 codes for specific end-user locations.

20 (c) Employees and sales representatives of an alarm system

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21 contractor who are located outside the state of Florida provided
22 that they are in compliance with the applicable alarm laws of
23 the state in which they are located provided that the applicable
24 state regulation requires a fingerprint and criminal background
25 check or that the individual has otherwise received a
26 satisfactory fingerprint and criminal background check from a
27 state or federal agency and provided that they do not attend
28 end-user premises to install or repair alarm systems.

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

32 Section 2. Section 553.793, Florida Statutes, is created
33 to read:

34 553.793 Streamlined Low-Voltage Alarm System Installation
35 Permitting.-

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

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

41 (b) "Low-voltage alarm system project" means a project
42 related to the installation, maintenance, inspection,
43 replacement, or service of any new or existing alarm system, as
44 defined in s. 489.505, operating at low voltage, as defined in
45 the National Electrical Code Standard 70, Current Edition, and
46 ancillary components or equipment attached to such a system
47 including but not limited to home-automation equipment,
48 thermostats, and video cameras. When a fire alarm is being
49 installed or replaced and a plan review is required, this

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50 section is not applicable.

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

54 (3) A local enforcement agency shall make uniform basic
55 permit labels available for purchase by a contractor to be used
56 for the installation of a new or replacement of an existing
57 alarm system, at a cost of not more than \$55 per label per
58 project. A contractor may purchase labels in bulk for one or
59 more unspecified current or future projects.

60 (a) A local enforcement agency may not require a
61 contractor, as a condition of purchasing a label, to submit
62 information other than identification information of the
63 licensee and proof of registration or certification as a
64 contractor.

65 (b) A label is valid for 1 year from the date of purchase
66 and may only be used within the jurisdiction in which it was
67 issued.

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

71 (5) A contractor is not required to notify the local
72 enforcement agency before commencing work on a low-voltage alarm
73 system project. However, a contractor must submit a Uniform
74 Notice of Installation of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project, a
75 notice form provided under subsection (6), to the local
76 enforcement agency within 21 days after completing the project.
77 A local enforcement agency may take disciplinary action against
78 a contractor who fails to timely submit a Uniform Notice of a
79 Low-Voltage Alarm System Project.

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80 (6) The Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System
81 Project must contain the following information and may be
82 submitted by facsimile or electronically provided all
83 submissions are signed by the owner, tenant, contractor, or
84 authorized representative of such persons:

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86 Tax Folio No.....

87 Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project

- 88 Owner's or Tenant's Name.....
- 89 Owner's or Tenant's Address.....
- 90 Fee Simple Titleholder's Name (If different from above).....
- 91 Fee Simple Titleholder's Address (If different from above).....
- 92 City.....
- 93 State..... Zip.....
- 94 Phone Number.....
- 95 Email Address.....
- 96 Contractor's Name.....
- 97 Contractor's Address.....
- 98 City.....
- 99 State..... Zip.....
- 100 Phone Number.....
- 101 Contractor's License Number.....
- 102 Date Project Completed.....
- 103 Scope of Work.....

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105 Notice is hereby given that a low-voltage alarm system project
106 involving an installation or replacement has been completed at
107 the address specified above. I certify that all of the foregoing
108 information is true and accurate.
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110 ...(Signature of Owner, Tenant, Contractor, or Agent)...

111 (7) A low-voltage alarm system project may be inspected by
112 the local enforcement agency to ensure compliance with
113 applicable codes and standards. The local enforcement agency
114 shall contact the owner or tenant of the property where the
115 project was completed to coordinate an inspection. If a low-
116 voltage alarm system project fails an inspection, the contractor
117 must take corrective action, as necessary, to pass inspection. A
118 new uniform basic permit label shall be posted by the contractor
119 after each failed inspection until the project passes
120 inspection.

121 (8) A municipality, county, district, or other entity of
122 local government may not adopt or maintain in effect an
123 ordinance or rule regarding a low-voltage alarm system project,
124 which is inconsistent with this section.

125 (9) A label shall not be required for the subsequent
126 maintenance, inspection or service of any alarm system that was
127 permitted in accordance with the provisions of this section.

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

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

134 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

135 An act relating to alarm systems; amending s. 489.503,
136 F.S., creating an exemption from licensure for certain
137 employees and sales representatives of security alarm
138 companies; creating s. 553.793, F.S.; providing

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139 definitions; providing applicability; requiring a
140 local enforcement agency to offer for sale uniform
141 basic permit labels to contractors; specifying a
142 maximum price; prohibiting a local enforcement agency
143 from applying a certain condition to the purchase of a
144 label; providing that permits expire after a specific
145 time period; requiring contractors to post an unused
146 label in a specified place before commencing work on a
147 low-voltage alarm system project; requiring
148 contractors to submit a Uniform Notice of a Low-
149 Voltage Alarm System Project within a specified
150 period; providing that failure to submit such notice
151 may result in disciplinary action; prescribing a form
152 for a Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System
153 Project; providing an effective date.

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