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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to low-voltage alarm systems; amending  
 3           s. 553.793, F.S.; revising and adding definitions  
 4           related to alarm systems; providing that a permit is  
 5           not required to install, inspect, repair, or replace a  
 6           wireless alarm system and its ancillary components;  
 7           revising the maximum price for permit labels for alarm  
 8           systems; authorizing a local law enforcement agency to  
 9           coordinate the inspection of certain alarm system  
 10          projects; providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), (4), (8), and (9) of  
 15           section 553.793, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16           553.793 Streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation  
 17           permitting.—

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

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

23           (b) "Low-voltage alarm system project" means a project  
 24           related to the installation, maintenance, inspection,  
 25           replacement, or service of a new or existing alarm system, as  
 26           defined in s. 489.505, that is hardwired and operating at low

27 voltage, as defined in the National Electrical Code Standard 70,  
28 Current Edition, and ancillary components or equipment attached  
29 to such a system, including, but not limited to, home-automation  
30 equipment, thermostats, and video cameras.

31 (c) "Wireless alarm system" means a burglar alarm system  
32 or smoke detector that is not hardwired.

33 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law, this section  
34 applies to all low-voltage alarm system projects for which a  
35 permit is required by a local enforcement agency. However, a  
36 permit is not required to install, maintain, inspect, replace,  
37 or service a wireless alarm system, including any ancillary  
38 components or equipment attached to the system.

39 (4) A local enforcement agency shall make uniform basic  
40 permit labels available for purchase by a contractor to be used  
41 for the installation or replacement of a new or existing alarm  
42 system at a cost of not more than \$40 ~~\$55~~ per label per project  
43 per unit. ~~However, a local enforcement agency charging more than~~  
44 ~~\$55, but less than \$175, for such a permit as of January 1,~~  
45 ~~2013, may continue to charge the same amount for a uniform basic~~  
46 ~~permit label until January 1, 2015. A local enforcement agency~~  
47 ~~charging more than \$175 for such a permit as of January 1, 2013,~~  
48 ~~may charge a maximum of \$175 for a uniform basic permit label~~  
49 ~~until January 1, 2015.~~

50 (a) A local enforcement agency may not require a  
51 contractor, as a condition of purchasing a label, to submit any  
52 information other than identification information of the

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53 licensee and proof of registration or certification as a  
54 contractor.

55 (b) A label is valid for 1 year after the date of purchase  
56 and may only be used within the jurisdiction of the local  
57 enforcement agency that issued the label. A contractor may  
58 purchase labels in bulk for one or more unspecified current or  
59 future projects.

60 (8) The local law enforcement agency may coordinate  
61 directly with the owner or customer to inspect a low-voltage  
62 alarm system project ~~may be inspected by the local enforcement~~  
63 ~~agency~~ to ensure compliance with applicable codes and standards.  
64 If a low-voltage alarm system project fails an inspection, the  
65 contractor must take corrective action as necessary to pass  
66 inspection.

67 (9) A municipality, county, district, or other entity of  
68 local government may not adopt or maintain in effect any ~~an~~  
69 ordinance or rule regarding a low-voltage alarm system project  
70 that is inconsistent with this section.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.