

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to alarm system registration; creating
3 s. 553.7931, F.S.; defining the term "applicable local
4 governmental entity"; providing a uniform process for
5 the registration of home and business alarm systems
6 under certain circumstances; requiring the owner,
7 lessee, or occupant, or an authorized representative
8 thereof, of a property to register an alarm system
9 within 20 days after occupancy or after installation
10 of the alarm system; authorizing the applicable local
11 governmental entity to charge a registration fee;
12 specifying the requirements of the application form;
13 requiring the owner, lessee, or occupant, or an
14 authorized representative thereof, to notify the
15 applicable local governmental agency of a change in
16 the information provided in the application form
17 within 30 days; authorizing the applicable local
18 governmental entity to assess or impose fines or
19 penalties for a failure to register an alarm system or
20 for excessive false alarms; providing that fines and
21 penalties are the responsibility of the owner, lessee,
22 or occupant of the property; providing an effective
23 date.

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25 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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27 Section 1. Section 553.7931, Florida Statutes, is created
 28 to read:

29 553.7931 Uniform alarm registration process.-

30 (1) As used in this section, the term "applicable local
 31 governmental entity" means the local enforcement agency or local
 32 law enforcement agency responsible for the administration of
 33 alarm system registration in a jurisdiction.

34 (2) This section creates a uniform process for the
 35 registration of a home or business alarm system and applies only
 36 if such registration is required by a local ordinance,
 37 regulation, or rule.

38 (a) The owner, lessee, or occupant, or an authorized
 39 representative thereof, of a property must file a uniform alarm
 40 registration application with the applicable local governmental
 41 entity that requires registration within 20 days after the
 42 installation or activation of an alarm system or occupancy of a
 43 property with an activated alarm system. During the intervening
 44 period, local first responders shall respond to a dispatch
 45 request. The application may be submitted electronically, or by
 46 facsimile, if signed by the owner, lessee, or occupant, or an
 47 authorized representative thereof.

48 (b) The applicable local governmental entity may charge
 49 the owner, lessee, or occupant an alarm registration fee of up
 50 to \$25. The registration is valid for as long as the registrant
 51 occupies the property. If possession of the property is
 52 transferred, the new occupant must file an application pursuant

53 | to paragraph (a).

54 | (c) The uniform alarm registration application must
55 | contain substantially the following information:

57 | UNIFORM ALARM REGISTRATION APPLICATION

59 | Owner, Lessee, or Occupant Name.....

60 | Owner, Lessee, or Occupant Address.....

61 | City.....

62 | State.... Zip....

63 | Phone Number.....

64 | E-mail Address.....

65 | Date of Occupancy.....

66 | Name of Alarm Contractor.....

67 | Phone Number of Alarm Contractor.....

68 | Name of Alarm Monitoring Company.....

69 | Phone Number of Alarm Monitoring Company.....

71 | Emergency Contact Information:

72 | Name.....

73 | Address.....

74 | City.....

75 | State.... Zip....

76 | Phone Number.....

78 | I certify that the foregoing information is true and accurate.

79 ...(Date)...
 80 ...(Signature of Owner, Lessee, or Occupant, or Authorized
 81 Representative)...

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 83 (d) The owner, lessee, or occupant, or an authorized
 84 representative thereof, shall notify the applicable local
 85 governmental entity within 30 days of any change to the
 86 information previously submitted. A contractor, as defined in s.
 87 553.793, must advise a consumer at the time of an alarm system
 88 installation that an obligation to register the system may
 89 exist.

90 (3) Civil penalties and fines assessed or imposed by the
 91 applicable local governmental entity for a failure to register
 92 an alarm system as required under subsection (1) or for
 93 excessive false alarms shall be the responsibility of the owner,
 94 lessee, or occupant of the property. A local ordinance,
 95 regulation, or rule may not impose a civil penalty or fine
 96 against an alarm contractor or alarm monitoring company for
 97 excessive false alarms.

98 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.