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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to alarm system contractors; amending
3 s. 489.521, F.S.; providing that advertisements for an
4 alarm system contractor 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 the law until certain conditions are
11 met; conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
12 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

26 | articles of clothing. This paragraph does not apply to a
 27 | newspaper, magazine, flyer, billboard, phone book, Internet, or
 28 | broadcast advertisement for an alarm system contractor as long
 29 | as the contractor maintains an Internet website that contains
 30 | the contractor's registration or certification number and the
 31 | advertisement directs consumers to the contractor's Internet
 32 | website.

33 | (c) The board shall assess a fine of not less than \$100 or
 34 | issue a citation to any contractor who fails to include that
 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,
 40 | commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
 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 | (1) A contractor must file a Uniform Fire Alarm Permit
 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

51 enforcement agency requires a plan review for the installation
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
55 permitted by the local enforcement agency, a contractor must
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 the law until the required permit has been issued and the
61 local enforcement agency has approved the repair.

62 (2) A Uniform Fire Alarm Permit Application must be
63 submitted with any drawing, plan, and supporting documentation
64 required by a local enforcement agency for a project for which a
65 plan review or fire alarm permit is required under subsection
66 (1). The application may be submitted electronically or by
67 facsimile and must be signed by the owner, or the owner's
68 authorized representative, and the contractor, or the
69 contractor's agent. The application must contain the following
70 information, in a substantially similar form:

71 UNIFORM FIRE ALARM

72 PERMIT APPLICATION

73 Tax Folio No..... Application No.....
74 Owner's or Representative's Name.....
75 Property Address.....

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76 City..... State..... Zip.....
77 Phone Number.....
78 Fee Simple Titleholder's Name (if other than
79 owner).....
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81 Fee Simple Titleholder's Address (if other than
82 owner).....
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84 Description of
85 Work.....
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87 New Install..... Replacement.....
88 Addition..... Other.....
89 Construction Type.....
90 Proposed Use.....
91 Alarm Contractor's Name.....
92 Alarm Contractor's Address.....
93 City..... State..... Zip.....
94 Phone Number.....
95 Alarm Contractor's License
96 Number.....
97 Application is hereby made to obtain a permit to do the work or
98 installation as indicated. I certify that ~~no work or~~
99 ~~installation has commenced before the filing of this permit~~
100 ~~application and that~~ all of the foregoing information is true

101 | and accurate.
102 | ... (Signature of Owner or Owner's Representative) ...
103 | Printed Name
104 | ... (Signature of Contractor or Agent) ...
105 | Printed Name
106 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.