

## Committee on Regulated Industries

### **CS/HB 823 — Alarm System Contractors**

by Regulatory Reform Subcommittee; and Rep. Mariano (SB 998 by Senator Brodeur)

The bill revises s. 489.521, F.S., relating to alarm system contractors, and s. 553.7921, F.S., relating to fire alarm permit applications.

Current law requires an alarm system contractor's registration or certification number to be stated in each offer of services, business proposal, or advertisement. Under the bill, if a contractor maintains an Internet website that contains the contractor's registration number or certification number, and an advertisement directs consumers to the website, then advertisements in a newspaper, magazine, flyer, billboard, phone book, Internet, or broadcast advertisement need not include the contractor's registration or certification number.

The bill amends the fire alarm permit application procedure in s. 553.7921, F.S., when a local enforcement agency requires a fire alarm permit to repair a previously permitted alarm system. Under the bill, a contractor must file a Uniform Fire Alarm Permit Application, but may begin the repair work before receiving the permit. However, until the required permit has been issued and the local enforcement agency has approved the repair, a repaired fire alarm system is not in compliance with applicable codes and standards. The bill removes a requirement in the Uniform Fire Alarm Permit Application that a contractor certify that no work or installation has commenced before the filing of the application.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0*