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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to alarm system contracting and
3 permitting; creating s. 553.793, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; providing applicability; requiring a
5 local enforcement agency to offer for sale uniform
6 basic permit labels to contractors; specifying a
7 maximum price; prohibiting a local enforcement agency
8 from applying a certain condition to the purchase of a
9 label; providing that permits expire after a specific
10 time period; requiring contractors to post an unused
11 label in a specified place before commencing work on a
12 low-voltage alarm system project; requiring
13 contractors to submit a Uniform Notice of Installation
14 of Alarm System within a specified period; providing
15 that failure to submit such notice may result in
16 disciplinary action; prescribing a form for a Uniform
17 Notice of Installation of Alarm System; providing
18 inspection procedures and requirements for low-voltage
19 alarm system projects; prohibiting specified local
20 governments from adopting or maintaining certain
21 ordinances and rules; providing an effective date.

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

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25 Section 1. Section 553.793, Florida Statutes, is created to
26 read:

27 553.793 Streamlined Alarm and Life Safety Device
28 Installation.—

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

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

34 (b) "Low-voltage alarm system project" means a project
35 related to the installation, maintenance, inspection,
36 replacement, or service of any new or existing alarm system, as
37 defined in s. 489.505, operating at low voltage, as defined in
38 the National Electrical Code Standard 70, Current Edition.

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

42 (3) A local enforcement agency shall make uniform basic
43 permit labels available for purchase by a contractor at a cost
44 of not more than \$60 per label. A contractor may purchase labels
45 in bulk for one or more unspecified current or future projects.

46 (a) A local enforcement agency may not require a
47 contractor, as a condition of purchasing a label, to submit
48 information other than identification information and proof of
49 registration or licensure as a contractor.

50 (b) A label is valid for 1 year from the date of purchase.

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

54 (5) A contractor is not required to notify the local
55 enforcement agency before commencing work on a low-voltage alarm
56 system project. However, a contractor must submit a Uniform
57 Notice of Installation of Alarm System, a notice form provided
58 under subsection (6), to the local enforcement agency within 21

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59 days after completing the project. A local enforcement agency
60 may take disciplinary action against a contractor who fails to
61 timely submit a Uniform Notice of Installation of Alarm System.

62 (6) The Uniform Notice of Installation of Alarm System must
63 be in substantially the following form:

65 Tax Folio No.....

66 UNIFORM NOTICE OF INSTALLATION OF ALARM SYSTEM

68 Owner's Name.....

69 Owner's Address.....

70 Fee Simple Titleholder's Name (If other than owner).....

71 Fee Simple Titleholder's Address (If other than owner).....

72 City.....

73 State..... Zip.....

74 Phone Number.....

75 Email Address.....

76 Alarm Contractor's Name.....

77 Alarm Contractor's Address.....

78 City.....

79 State..... Zip.....

80 Phone Number.....

81 Alarm Contractor's License Number.....

82 Scope of Work.....

84 Notice is hereby given that a low-voltage alarm system or life
85 safety device has been installed or serviced at the address
86 specified above. I certify that all of the foregoing information
87 is true and accurate.

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89 ...(Signature of Owner, Contractor, or Agent)...

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91 (7) A low-voltage alarm system project may be inspected by
92 the local enforcement agency to ensure compliance with
93 applicable codes and standards. The local enforcement agency
94 shall contact the owner of the property where the project was
95 completed to coordinate an inspection. If a low-voltage alarm
96 system project fails an inspection, the contractor must take
97 corrective action, as necessary, to pass inspection. A new
98 uniform basic permit label shall be posted by the contractor
99 after each failed inspection until the project passes
100 inspection.

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

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.