

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to low-voltage alarm system
 3 contracting and permitting; creating s. 553.793, F.S.;
 4 providing a short title; providing definitions;
 5 providing for applicability; requiring local
 6 enforcement agencies to offer for sale to contractors
 7 uniform basic permit labels; requiring contractors to
 8 post an unused label in a specified place before
 9 commencing work on a low-voltage alarm system project;
 10 requiring contractors to submit a uniform notice of
 11 installation of alarm system within a specified period
 12 after completing work; prescribing the form for such
 13 notice; providing inspection procedures and
 14 requirements for low-voltage alarm system projects;
 15 prohibiting specified local governments from adopting
 16 or maintaining certain ordinances and rules; providing
 17 an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Section 553.793, Florida Statutes, is created
 22 to read:

23 553.793 Streamlined Alarm and Life Safety Device
 24 Installation Act.—

25 (1) This section may be cited as the "Streamlined Alarm
 26 Life Safety Device Installation Act."

27 (2) As used in this section, the term:

28 (a) "Contractor" means a person who is qualified to engage

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29 in the business of electrical or alarm system contracting
30 pursuant to a certificate or registration issued by the
31 department under part II of chapter 489.

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

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

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

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

48 (b) A label is valid for 1 year after the date of
49 purchase.

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

53 (6) A contractor is not required to notify the local
54 enforcement agency before commencing work on a low-voltage alarm
55 system project. However, a contractor must submit a uniform
56 notice of installation of alarm system to the local enforcement

57 | agency within 21 days after completing the project. A local
58 | enforcement agency may take disciplinary action against a
59 | contractor who fails to timely submit a uniform notice of
60 | installation of alarm system.

61 | (7) The uniform notice of installation of alarm system
62 | must be in substantially the following form:

63 | Tax Folio No.

64 | UNIFORM NOTICE OF INSTALLATION OF ALARM SYSTEM

65 | Owner's Name.....

66 | Owner's Address.....

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

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

69 | City

70 | State..... Zip.....

71 | Phone Number.....

72 | E-mail Address.....

73 | Alarm Contractor's Name.....

74 | Alarm Contractor's Address.....

75 | City

76 | State..... Zip.....

77 | Phone Number.....

78 | Alarm Contractor's License Number.....

79 | Scope of Work.....

80 | Notice is hereby given that a low-voltage alarm system or life
81 | safety device has been installed or serviced at the address
82 | specified above. I certify that all of the foregoing information
83 | is true and accurate.

84 | ...(Signature of Owner, Contractor, or Agent)...

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

94 (9) A municipality, county, district, or other entity of
95 local government may not adopt or maintain in effect an
96 ordinance or rule regarding a low-voltage alarm system project
97 that is inconsistent with this section.

98 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.