

29 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (23) is added to that
 30 section, to read:

31 489.503 Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:

32 (14) ~~(a)~~ The sale of, installation of, repair of,
 33 alteration of, addition to, or design of electrical wiring,
 34 fixtures, appliances, thermostats, apparatus, raceways,
 35 computers, customer premises equipment, customer premises
 36 wiring, and conduit, or any part thereof, by an employee,
 37 contractor, subcontractor, or affiliate of a company operating
 38 under a certificate issued under chapter 364 or chapter 610, or
 39 under a local franchise or right-of-way agreement, if ~~when~~ those
 40 items are for the purpose of transmitting data, voice, video, or
 41 other communications, or commands as part of a cable television,
 42 community antenna television, ~~or~~ radio distribution,
 43 communications, or telecommunications system. ~~The scope of this~~
 44 exemption is limited to electrical circuits and equipment
 45 governed by the applicable provisions of Articles 725 (Classes 2
 46 and 3 circuits only), 770, 800, 810, and 820 of the National
 47 Electrical Code, current edition, or 47 C.F.R. part 68.

48 ~~(b)~~ An employee, subcontractor, contractor, or affiliate
 49 of ~~The installation of, repair of, alteration of, addition to,~~
 50 ~~or design of electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances,~~
 51 ~~thermostats, apparatus, raceways, and conduit, or any part~~
 52 ~~thereof, when those items are for the purpose of transmitting~~
 53 ~~data, voice communications, or commands as part of a system of~~
 54 ~~telecommunications, including computers, telephone customer~~
 55 ~~premises equipment, or premises wiring. ~~The scope of this~~~~
 56 ~~exemption is limited to electrical circuits and equipment~~

57 ~~governed by the applicable provisions of Articles 725 (Classes 2~~
58 ~~and 3 circuits only), 770, 800, 810, and 820 of the National~~
59 ~~Electrical Code, current edition, or 47 C.F.R. part 68. a~~
60 ~~company that operates under a certificate issued~~ certified ~~under~~
61 ~~chapter 364 or chapter 610, or under a local franchise or right-~~
62 ~~of-way agreement,~~ is not subject to any local ordinance that
63 requires a permit for work ~~performed by its employees~~ related to
64 low-voltage ~~low voltage~~ electrical work, including related
65 technical codes, and regulations, and licensure. The scope of
66 this exemption is limited to electrical circuits and equipment
67 governed by the applicable provisions of Articles 725 (Classes 2
68 and 3 circuits only), 770, 800, 810, and 820 of the National
69 Electrical Code, current edition, or 47 C.F.R. part 68 ~~The~~
70 ~~exemption in this paragraph shall apply only if such work is~~
71 ~~requested by the company's customer, is required in order to~~
72 ~~complete phone service, is incidental to provision of~~
73 ~~telecommunication service as required by chapter 364, and is not~~
74 ~~the subject of a competitive bid. The definition of "employee"~~
75 ~~established in subsection (1) applies to this exemption and does~~
76 ~~not include subcontractors.~~

77 (23) An employee or sales representative of an alarm
78 system contractor if he or she:

79 (a) Does not alter, install, maintain, move, or repair
80 alarm systems on end-user premises; and

81 (b) Is not granted access to passwords or codes that can
82 be used to arm or disarm alarm systems installed on specific
83 end-user premises, or, if working at an out-of-state location,
84 has received a satisfactory fingerprint and background check

85 from a state or federal agency.

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87 This subsection shall not be construed to limit the exemptions
88 provided in subsection (6) or relieve a person of his or her
89 obligation to comply with the applicable background check
90 provisions of ss. 489.518 and 489.5185 for any onsite alarm
91 sales.

92 Section 2. Section 553.793, Florida Statutes, is created
93 to read:

94 553.793 Streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation
95 permitting.-

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

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

101 (b) "Low-voltage alarm system project" means a project
102 related to the installation, maintenance, inspection,
103 replacement, or service of a new or existing alarm system, as
104 defined in s. 489.505, operating at low voltage, as defined in
105 the National Electrical Code Standard 70, Current Edition, and
106 ancillary components or equipment attached to such a system,
107 including, but not limited to, home-automation equipment,
108 thermostats, and video cameras.

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

112 (3) This section does not apply to the installation or

113 replacement of a fire alarm if a plan review is required.

114 (4) A local enforcement agency shall make uniform basic
115 permit labels available for purchase by a contractor to be used
116 for the installation or replacement of a new or existing alarm
117 system at a cost of not more than \$55 per label per project per
118 unit. However, a local enforcement agency charging more than
119 \$55, but less than \$175, for such a permit as of January 1,
120 2013, may continue to charge the same amount for a uniform basic
121 permit label until January 1, 2015. A local enforcement agency
122 charging more than \$175 for such a permit as of January 1, 2013,
123 may charge a maximum of \$175 for a uniform basic permit label
124 until January 1, 2015.

125 (a) A local enforcement agency may not require a
126 contractor, as a condition of purchasing a label, to submit
127 information other than identification information of the
128 licensee and proof of registration or certification as a
129 contractor.

130 (b) A label is valid for 1 year after the date of purchase
131 and may only be used within the jurisdiction of the local
132 enforcement agency that issued the label. A contractor may
133 purchase labels in bulk for one or more unspecified current or
134 future projects.

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

138 (6) A contractor is not required to notify the local
139 enforcement agency before commencing work on a low-voltage alarm
140 system project. However, a contractor must submit a Uniform

141 Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project as provided under
 142 subsection (7) to the local enforcement agency within 14 days
 143 after completing the project. A local enforcement agency may
 144 take disciplinary action against a contractor who fails to
 145 timely submit a Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System
 146 Project.

147 (7) The Uniform Notice of a Low-Voltage Alarm System
 148 Project may be submitted electronically or by facsimile if all
 149 submissions are signed by the owner, tenant, contractor, or
 150 authorized representative of such persons. The Uniform Notice of
 151 a Low-Voltage Alarm System Project must contain the following
 152 information:

153 UNIFORM NOTICE OF A LOW-VOLTAGE ALARM SYSTEM PROJECT

- 154 Owner's or Customer's Name.....
- 155 Owner's or Customer's Address.....
- 156 Fee Simple Titleholder's Name (If different from above).....
- 157 Fee Simple Titleholder's Address (If different from above).....
- 158 City.....
- 159 State..... Zip.....
- 160 Phone Number.....
- 161 E-mail Address.....
- 162 Contractor's Name.....
- 163 Contractor's Address.....
- 164 City.....
- 165 State..... Zip.....
- 166 Phone Number.....
- 167 Contractor's License Number.....
- 168 Date Project Completed.....

169 Scope of Work.....
 170 Notice is hereby given that a low-voltage alarm system project
 171 has been completed at the address specified above. I certify
 172 that all of the foregoing information is true and accurate.
 173 ...(Signature of Owner, Tenant, Contractor, or Authorized
 174 Representative)...

175 (8) A low-voltage alarm system project may be inspected by
 176 the local enforcement agency to ensure compliance with
 177 applicable codes and standards. If a low-voltage alarm system
 178 project fails an inspection, the contractor must take corrective
 179 action as necessary to pass inspection.

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

184 (10) A uniform basic permit label shall not be required
 185 for the subsequent maintenance, inspection, or service of an
 186 alarm system that was permitted in accordance with this section.

187 (11) The provisions of this section are not intended to
 188 impose new or additional licensure requirements on persons
 189 licensed in accordance with the applicable provisions of chapter
 190 489.

191 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.