

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to alarm systems; amending s. 489.529,
3 F.S.; authorizing a local law enforcement agency to
4 establish a verification call program; providing
5 registration, application, and notification
6 requirements for such program; making technical
7 changes; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 489.529, Florida Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 489.529 Alarm verification calls required.—

14 (1) All residential or commercial intrusion or burglar
15 alarm systems intrusion/burglary alarms that have central
16 monitoring must have a central monitoring verification call made
17 to the premises generating the alarm signal before, ~~prior to~~
18 alarm monitoring ~~monitor~~ personnel may contact ~~contacting~~ a law
19 enforcement agency for alarm dispatch, except if an individual
20 has registered with the local law enforcement agency for a
21 verification call program. The central monitoring station must
22 employ call-verification methods for the premises generating the
23 alarm signal if the first call is not answered. However, if the
24 intrusion or burglar alarm system has intrusion/burglary alarms
25 ~~have~~ properly operating visual or auditory sensors that enable
26 the monitoring personnel to verify the alarm signal,
27 verification calling is not required.

28 (2) A local law enforcement agency may establish a
29 verification call program under which an individual who resides

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30 at a residential property with an intrusion or burglar alarm
31 system may register with the local law enforcement agency for
32 alarm dispatch before a verification call is made.

33 (a) To participate in the program, an individual must
34 register with the local law enforcement agency on an application
35 form or in an electronic format prescribed by the local law
36 enforcement agency and provide a primary and secondary telephone
37 number to be used for verification calls.

38 (b) Under the program, alarm monitoring personnel, upon
39 receiving an alarm signal, must immediately notify the local law
40 enforcement agency of the alarm signal and then contact the
41 primary and secondary telephone numbers on file.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.