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Senator Perry moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 13 - 62

and insert:

Section 1. Section 489.529, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.529 Alarm verification calls required.—All residential or commercial intrusion/burglary alarms that have central monitoring must have a central monitoring verification call made to a telephone number associated with the premises generating the alarm signal, prior to alarm monitor personnel contacting a



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12 law enforcement agency for alarm dispatch. The central
13 monitoring station must employ call-verification methods for the
14 premises generating the alarm signal if the first call is not
15 answered. However, ~~if the intrusion/burglary alarms have~~
16 ~~properly operating visual or auditory sensors that enable the~~
17 ~~monitoring personnel to verify the alarm signal,~~ verification
18 calling is not required if:

19 (1) The intrusion/burglary alarm has a properly operating
20 visual or auditory sensor that enables the monitoring personnel
21 to verify the alarm signal; or

22 (2) The intrusion/burglary alarm is installed on a premises
23 that is used for the storage of firearms or ammunition by a
24 person who holds a valid federal firearms license as a
25 manufacturer, importer, or dealer of firearms or ammunition,
26 provided the customer notifies the alarm monitoring company that
27 he or she holds such license and would like to bypass the two-
28 call verification protocol. Upon initiation of a new alarm
29 monitoring service contract, the alarm monitoring company shall
30 make reasonable efforts to inform a customer who holds a valid
31 federal firearms license as a manufacturer, importer, or dealer
32 of firearms or ammunition of his or her right to opt out of the
33 two-call verification protocol.

34 Section 2. Present subsections (3) through (10) of section
35 553.793, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4)
36 through (11), respectively, subsection (1) and present
37 subsection (6) of that section are amended, and a new subsection
38 (3) is added to that section, to read:

39 553.793 Streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation
40 permitting.-



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

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

46 (b) "Low-voltage alarm system project" means a project
47 related to the installation, maintenance, inspection,
48 replacement, or service of a new or existing alarm system, as
49 defined in s. 489.505, which ~~that~~ is hardwired and operating at
50 low voltage, as defined in the National Electrical Code Standard
51 70, Current Edition, or a new or existing low-voltage electric
52 fence, and ancillary components or equipment attached to such a
53 system or fence, including, but not limited to, home-automation
54 equipment, thermostats, closed-circuit television systems,
55 access controls, battery-charging devices, and video cameras.

56 (c) "Low-voltage electric fence" means an alarm system, as
57 defined in s. 489.505, consisting of a fence structure and an
58 energizer powered by a commercial storage battery not exceeding
59 12 volts which produces an electric charge upon contact with the
60 fence structure.

61 (d) "Wireless alarm system" means a burglar alarm system or
62 smoke detector that is not hardwired.

63 (3) A low-voltage electric fence must meet all of the
64 following requirements to be permitted as a low-voltage alarm
65 system project, and no further permit shall be required for such
66 low-voltage alarm system project other than as provided in this
67 section:

68 (a) The electric charge produced by the low-voltage
69 electric fence upon contact does not exceed energizer



70 characteristics set forth in paragraph 22.108 and depicted in
71 Figure 102 of International Electrotechnical Commission Standard
72 No. 60335-2-76, Current Edition.

73 (b) A nonelectric fence or wall must completely enclose the
74 low-voltage electric fence. The low-voltage electric fence may
75 be up to 2 feet higher than the perimeter nonelectric fence or
76 wall.

77 (c) The low-voltage electric fence must be identified using
78 warning signs attached to the fence at intervals of not more
79 than 60 feet.

80 (d) The low-voltage electric fence may not be installed in
81 an area zoned exclusively for single-family or multi-family
82 residential use.

83 (e) The low-voltage electric fence may not enclose

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86 And the title is amended as follows:

87 Delete lines 2 - 5

88 and insert:

89 An act relating to alarm systems; amending s. 489.529,
90 F.S.; providing an exclusion from the requirement for
91 a verification call before alarm dispatch for
92 specified premises under certain circumstances;
93 requiring alarm monitoring companies to make
94 reasonable efforts to inform certain customers of
95 specified rights; amending s. 553.793, F.S.;

96 redefining the term "low-voltage alarm system project"
97 to include low-voltage electric fences; defining the
98 term "low-voltage electric