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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 01/11/2018 House

The Committee on Regulated Industries (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

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

489.529 Alarm verification <del>calls</del> required.—All residential or commercial intrusion/burglary alarms that have central monitoring must have <u>the</u> <del>a</del> central monitoring <u>station attempt to</u> <u>verify an alarm signal via communication by telephone</u>

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11 verification call, text message, or other electronic means with 12 a person made to a telephone number associated with the premises 13 generating the alarm signal, before alarm monitor personnel 14 contact a law enforcement agency for alarm dispatch. The central monitoring station must attempt to verify employ call-15 16 verification methods for the premises generating the alarm 17 signal a second time via communication by telephone call, text 18 message, or other electronic means with the premises owner, 19 occupant, or his or her authorized designee if the first attempt 20 to verify the alarm signal call is not successful answered. 21 However, verification attempts are calling is not required if:

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

25 (2) The intrusion/burglary alarm is installed on a premises 26 that is used for the storage of firearms or ammunition by a 27 person who holds a valid federal firearms license as a 28 manufacturer, importer, or dealer of firearms or ammunition, 29 provided the customer notifies the alarm monitoring company that 30 he or she holds such license and would like to bypass the two-31 attempt two-call verification protocol. Upon initiation of a new 32 alarm monitoring service contract, the alarm monitoring company 33 shall make reasonable efforts to inform a customer who holds a 34 valid federal firearms license as a manufacturer, importer, or 35 dealer of firearms or ammunition of his or her right to opt out 36 of the two-attempt two-call verification protocol.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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And the title is amended as follows:
Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:
A bill to be entitled
An act relating to alarm verification; amending s.
489.529, F.S.; revising requirements for alarm
verification to include additional methods by which an
alarm monitoring company may verify a residential or
commercial intrusion/burglary alarm signal and to
require that two attempts be made to verify an alarm
signal; providing an effective date.