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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to alarm systems; amending s.
3	489.5185, F.S.; authorizing individuals with certain
4	fire alarm certifications to complete a reduced number
5	of training and continuing education hours for the
6	prevention of false alarms; requiring the training and
7	continuing education sponsors and courses to be
8	approved by the Electrical Contractors' Licensing
9	Board; amending s. 553.793, F.S.; revising the
10	definition of the term "low-voltage alarm system
11	project" to include certain closed-circuit television
12	systems; creating s. 553.7932, F.S.; requiring that
13	electrical or fire permits for certain fire alarm
14	system alterations be issued over the counter or
15	online; requiring a permittee who receives a permit
16	under the simplified process to keep shop drawings or
17	other required documentation on site for inspection;
18	providing an effective date.
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20	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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22	Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 489.5185, Florida
23	Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is added to subsection
24	(2) of that section, to read:
25	489.5185 Fire alarm system agents
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27 If a person holds a current National Institute of (f) 28 Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Level II 29 certification or higher in Fire Alarm Systems or Inspection and 30 Testing of Fire Alarm Systems, a current certification as an Electronic Security Association (ESA) Certified Fire Alarm 31 32 Technician, or a current certification as an ESA Certified Fire 33 Alarm Designer, he or she is required to complete only the 2 34 hours of training in the prevention of false alarms required by 35 paragraph (1)(b) from a board-approved sponsor of training and 36 through a board-approved training course.

(5) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), each fire alarm system agent must receive 6 hours of continuing education on fire alarm system installation and repair and false alarm prevention every 2 years from a board-approved sponsor of training and through a board-approved training course.

42 (b) A person holding a current NICET Level II 43 certification or higher in Fire Alarm Systems or Inspection and 44 Testing of Fire Alarm Systems, certification as an ESA Certified 45 Fire Alarm Technician, or certification as an ESA Certified Fire Alarm Designer is required to complete only 2 hours of 46 47 continuing education training in the prevention of false alarms 48 every 2 years from a board-approved sponsor of training and 49 through a board-approved training course.

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Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section

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51	553.793, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:				
52	553.793 Streamlined low-voltage alarm system installation				
53	permitting				
54	(1) As used in this section, the term:				
55	(b) "Low-voltage alarm system project" means a project				
56	related to the installation, maintenance, inspection,				
57	replacement, or service of a new or existing alarm system, as				
58	defined in s. 489.505, <u>including closed-circuit television</u>				
59	systems used to signal or detect a burglary, fire, robbery, or				
60	medical emergency, that is hardwired and operating at low				
61	voltage, as defined in the National Electrical Code Standard 70,				
62	Current Edition, or a new or existing low-voltage electric				
63	fence, and ancillary components or equipment attached to such a				
64	system or fence, including, but not limited to, home-automation				
65	equipment, thermostats, closed-circuit television systems,				
66	access controls, battery recharging devices, and video cameras.				
67	Section 3. Section 553.7932, Florida Statutes, is created				
68	to read:				
69	553.7932 Simplified permitting process for fire alarm				
70	system alterations				
71	(1) Electrical or fire permits for all of the following				
72	must be issued over the counter or online:				
73	(a) A fire alarm system alteration of a total of 20 or				
74	fewer initiating devices and notification devices.				
75	(b) The installation or replacement of a fire communicator				

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76	connected to an existing fire alarm control panel in an existing				
77	commercial building, apartment, or condominium.				
78	(2) A permittee who receives an electrical or fire permit				
79	pursuant to this section shall keep shop drawings or other				
80	required documentation on site at the time of inspection.				
81	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.				
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