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27 (f) If a person holds a current National Institute of  
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  
31 Electronic Security Association (ESA) Certified Fire Alarm  
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.

37 (5)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), each fire  
38 alarm system agent must receive 6 hours of continuing education  
39 on fire alarm system installation and repair and false alarm  
40 prevention every 2 years from a board-approved sponsor of  
41 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  
46 Alarm Designer is required to complete only 2 hours of  
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.

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

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, including closed-circuit television  
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.