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3 By Senator Holley
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Section 34-1A-1 of the Code of Alabama
6 1975, as last amended by Act 2013-221 of the 2013 Regular
7 Session, and to add Section 34-1A-11 to the Code of Alabama
8 1975, relating to the Electronic Security Board of Licensure;
9 to require an alarm monitoring company to make certain
10 reasonable attempts to verify that an alarm signal is valid
11 and to provide for implementation and enforcement by the
12 board; and to exempt certain persons from the definition of
13 locksmith under certain conditions.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. Section 34-1A-1 of the Code of Alabama
16 1975, as last amended by Act 2013-221 of the 2013 Regular
17 Session, is further amended to read as follows:

18 "§34-1A-1.

19 "For the purpose of this chapter, the following
20 terms shall have the following meanings unless the context
21 clearly indicates otherwise:

22 "(1) ALARM MONITORING COMPANY. Any person, company,
23 corporation, partnership, or business, or a representative or
24 agency thereof, authorized to provide alarm monitoring
25 services for alarm systems or other similar electronic

1 security systems whether the systems are maintained on
2 commercial business property, public property, or individual
3 residential property.

4 "~~(1)~~(2) ALARM SYSTEM. Burglar alarms, security
5 cameras, or other electrical or electronic device used to
6 prevent or detect burglary, theft, shoplifting, pilferage, and
7 other similar losses. The term does not include any fire
8 detection, fire alarm, or fire communication system.

9 "~~(2)~~(3) ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLER. A person or business
10 entity that offers to undertake, represents itself as being
11 able to undertake, or does undertake the installation,
12 service, or monitoring, of alarm systems for the public for
13 any type of compensation.

14 "(4) ALARM VERIFICATION. A reasonable attempt by an
15 alarm monitoring company to contact the alarm site or alarm
16 user by telephone or other electronic means to determine
17 whether an alarm signal is valid prior to requesting law
18 enforcement to be dispatched to the location and, if the
19 initial attempted contact is not made, a second reasonable
20 attempt to make a contact utilizing a different telephone
21 number or electronic address or number.

22 "~~(3)~~(5) BURGLAR ALARM. An assembly of equipment and
23 devices, or a single device such as a solid-state unit which
24 plugs directly into an AC line, designed to detect an
25 unauthorized intrusion or an attempted robbery at a protected

1 premises or signal public police or private guards to respond,
2 or both.

3 "~~(5)~~(6) CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM (CCTV). A
4 combination of electronic equipment and devices designed and
5 arranged for the viewing, monitoring, or recording of video
6 signals transmitted from transmitters, such as cameras, to
7 receivers, such as monitors, digital video recorders, and
8 network video recorders (NVR) through a closed cable or other
9 video signal transmission method.

10 "~~(6)~~(7) ELECTRONIC ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM. A system
11 that is powered by the building's primary power source and is
12 used as a process to grant or deny an individual access to a
13 specific area or object based upon his or her possession of an
14 item, a code, or physical characteristic.

15 "~~(7)~~(8) INSTALLATION. The initial placement of
16 equipment or the extension, modification, or alteration of
17 equipment after initial placement.

18 "~~(8)~~(9) LOCKSMITH. A person or business entity that
19 offers to undertake, represents itself as being able to
20 undertake, or does undertake the installation or service of
21 locks for motor vehicles or for residential or commercial use.
22 The term does not include a person whose financial
23 compensation from services as a locksmith for the installation
24 or service of locks for residential use does not exceed five

1 hundred dollars (\$500) annually and who does not advertise for
2 his or her services as a locksmith.

3 "~~(4) CENTRAL~~ (10) MONITORING STATION. A location
4 where alarm signals are received as a part of an alarm system
5 and then relayed via operator to law enforcement officials.

6 "~~(9) (11)~~ SERVICE. Necessary repair in order to
7 return the system to operational condition."

8 Section 2. Section 34-1A-11 is added to the Code of
9 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

10 §34-1A-11.

11 (a) The board shall require an alarm monitoring
12 company to utilize a system providing for alarm verification
13 of all alarm signals, except alarm verification shall not be
14 required in the case of a fire alarm or a panic or
15 robbery-in-progress alarm or in cases where a crime in
16 progress has been verified to be true by video or audio means,
17 when no alarm signal has been received from the alarm site
18 within the preceding 12 months, or when the contract between
19 the alarm user and the monitoring company specifies the use of
20 a different calling protocol.

21 (b) The board shall provide by rule for the
22 implementation and enforcement of this section.

23 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
24 first day of the third month following its passage and
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of
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Speaker of the House of Representa-
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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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