**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40-79-20(2) AND (6) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ALARM SYSTEM DEFINITIONS, TO FURTHER DEFINE ALARM SYSTEM BUSINESS AND BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM BUSINESS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-79-310(7) OF THE 1976 CODE, TO REMOVE CAMERA AND CARD ACCESS ALARMS FROM THE EXCLUSIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 79, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. A. Section 40-79-20(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) ‘Alarm business’ means an entity that is licensed by the South Carolina Contractor’s Licensing Board to engage in ~~the~~ burglar or fire alarm systems ~~system business, or both~~, controlled access systems, video surveillance equipment, or any combination thereof.”

B. Section 40-79-20(6) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(6) ‘~~Burglar alarm~~ Alarm system business’ means a person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by law and approved by the board that:

(a) Sells or attempts to sell burglar or fire alarm systems, controlled access systems, or video surveillance systems by engaging in a personal solicitation at a residence or business to advise, design, or consult on specific types and specific locations of alarm business systems and devices.

(b) Installs or services electrical, electronic, or mechanical alarm signal devices, burglar alarms, monitored access control, or cameras used to detect burglary, breaking or entering, intrusion, shoplifting, pilferage, theft, or other unauthorized or illegal activity ~~designs, installs, services, maintains, or alters burglar alarm systems, including burglar alarm systems with an electric fence as defined herein, and heat and smoke sensors installed within a burglar alarm system; a burglar alarm system detects intrusion, burglary, and breaking or entering but does not include home health care signaling devices~~.”

SECTION 2. Section 40-79-310(7) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(7) ~~camera, card access, or~~ walk‑through alarm systems.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect ninety days after approval by the Governor.

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