

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1296

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "County;" insert "authorizing the licensing of alarm systems contractors and the setting of license fees; authorizing the revocation or suspension of an alarm systems contractor license under certain conditions;"; in the same line, after "fines;" insert "authorizing an enforcement agency designated by the County Commissioners to maintain certain records; authorizing the enforcement agency to take certain actions upon finding a particular pattern of false alarms;"; and in line 9, after "safety" insert "and false alarms".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 27, insert:

“(1) PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTORS;

(2) ESTABLISH A LICENSE FEE;

(3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, ALLOW THE COUNTY TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND A LICENSE OF AN ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR FOR GROUNDS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDINANCE;”.

On page 2, in lines 1 and 4, strike "(1)" and "(2)", respectively, and substitute "(4)" and "(5)", respectively; after line 6, insert:

“(6) AUTHORIZE THE DESIGNATED COUNTY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO MAINTAIN RECORDS OF ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTORS, MONITOR SERVICE ENTITIES, AND MANUFACTURERS OF SECURITY SYSTEMS;

(7) AUTHORIZE THE DESIGNATED COUNTY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, IF

(Over)

IT FINDS A PATTERN OF FALSE ALARMS ATTRIBUTED TO A PARTICULAR MANUFACTURER'S MODEL OR TO INSTALLATION BY A PARTICULAR ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR, TO INFORM:

(I) 1. THE MANUFACTURER OF THE MODEL; OR

2. THE ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR WHO INSTALLED THE ALARM SYSTEM; AND

(II) ANY APPROPRIATE STATE OR NATIONAL LICENSING AGENCY OR THE CERTIFICATION STANDARDS ENTITY HAVING JURISDICTION PERTAINING TO THE MANUFACTURE OR INSTALLATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS;”;

in lines 7, 9, and 12, strike “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(8)”, “(9)”, and “(10)”, respectively; and after line 14, insert:

“C. BEFORE THE COUNTY TAKES ANY ACTION UNDER SUBSECTION B(3) OF THIS SECTION, IT SHALL GIVE THE LICENSEE AGAINST WHOM THE ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING.”.