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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Electronic Security  
9 Board of Licensure licenses alarm system installers  
10 and locksmiths.

11 This bill would define certain other  
12 security related systems and provide for licenses  
13 based on the classification of work performed.  
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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT  
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19 To amend Sections 34-1A-1 and 34-1A-4, Code of  
20 Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Electronic Security  
21 Board of Licensure; to provide further for definitions and for  
22 licensure based on classification of work performed.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Sections 34-1A-1 and 34-1A-4, Code of  
25 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

26 "§34-1A-1.

1           "For the purpose of this chapter, the following  
2 terms shall have the following meanings unless the context  
3 clearly indicates otherwise:

4           "(1) ALARM SYSTEM. Burglar alarms, television  
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) 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           "(3) BURGLAR ALARM. An assembly of equipment and  
15 devices, or a single device such as a solid-state unit which  
16 plugs directly into an AC line, designed to detect an  
17 unauthorized intrusion or an attempted robbery at a protected  
18 premises or signal public police or private guards to respond,  
19 or both.

20           "(4) CENTRAL STATION. A location where alarm signals  
21 are received as a part of an alarm system and then relayed via  
22 operator to law enforcement officials.

23           "(5) CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM (CCTV). A  
24 combination of electronic equipment and devices designed and  
25 arranged for the viewing, monitoring, or recording of video  
26 signals transmitted from transmitters such as cameras to  
27 receivers such as monitors, digital video recorders, and

1 network video recorders (NVR) through a closed cable or other  
2 video signal transmission method.

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

8 "(4)(7) INSTALLATION. The initial placement of  
9 equipment or the extension, modification, or alteration of  
10 equipment after initial placement.

11 "(5)(8) LOCKSMITH. A person or business entity that  
12 offers to undertake, represents itself as being able to  
13 undertake, or does undertake the installation or service of  
14 locks for residential or commercial use.

15 "(6)(9) SERVICE. Necessary repair in order to return  
16 the system to operational condition.

17 "§34-1A-4.

18 "(a) The board shall promulgate regulations and  
19 standards for the training and licensing of locksmiths and  
20 alarm system installers. The board shall examine and license  
21 and may shall establish classifications for the purpose of  
22 training and licensing for ~~this business~~ licensees under this  
23 chapter based on the work performed. Licensees shall be  
24 classified as locksmith, burglar alarm, electronic access  
25 control system, closed circuit television system, or central  
26 station. Licensees shall be licensed in an appropriate

1 classification in order to perform work in each respective  
2 classification.

3 "(b) The board shall, after a public hearing and  
4 consultation with persons who are knowledgeable regarding the  
5 business and pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure  
6 Act, establish by board rules or regulations competency  
7 standards and any changes of the standards.

8 "(c) The board may evaluate the competency of  
9 applicants for licenses. The board may either develop and  
10 administer an examination to evaluate competency, or rely on  
11 an examination developed and administered by a national or  
12 regional professional association."

13 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
14 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
15 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.