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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person who deactivates
9 locks on motor vehicles or buildings is not
10 considered a locksmith and not subject to
11 regulation by the Alabama Electronic Security
12 Board.

13 This bill would include in the definition of
14 locksmith a person who deactivates locks on motor
15 vehicles or buildings. This bill would also require
16 licensure of such persons by the Alabama Electronic
17 Security Board of Licensure.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to locksmiths; to amend Section 34-1A-1,
24 Code of Alabama 1975, by including in the definition of
25 locksmith a person who deactivates locks on motor vehicles or
26 buildings, and by requiring licensure of such persons by the
27 Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 34-1A-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "§34-1A-1.

5 "For the purpose of this chapter, the following
6 terms shall have the following meanings unless the context
7 clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "(1) ALARM MONITORING COMPANY. Any person, company,
9 corporation, partnership, or business, or a representative or
10 agency thereof, authorized to provide alarm monitoring
11 services for alarm systems or other similar electronic
12 security systems whether the systems are maintained on
13 commercial business property, public property, or individual
14 residential property.

15 "(2) ALARM SYSTEM. Burglar alarms, security cameras,
16 or other electrical or electronic device used to prevent or
17 detect burglary, theft, shoplifting, pilferage, and other
18 similar losses. The term does not include any fire detection,
19 fire alarm, or fire communication system.

20 "(3) ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLER. A person or business
21 entity that offers to undertake, represents itself as being
22 able to undertake, or does undertake the installation,
23 service, or monitoring, of alarm systems for the public for
24 any type of compensation.

25 "(4) ALARM VERIFICATION. A reasonable attempt by an
26 alarm monitoring company to contact the alarm site or alarm
27 user by telephone or other electronic means to determine

1 whether an alarm signal is valid prior to requesting law
2 enforcement to be dispatched to the location and, if the
3 initial attempted contact is not made, a second reasonable
4 attempt to make a contact utilizing a different telephone
5 number or electronic address or number.

6 "(5) BURGLAR ALARM. An assembly of equipment and
7 devices, or a single device such as a solid-state unit which
8 plugs directly into an AC line, designed to detect an
9 unauthorized intrusion or an attempted robbery at a protected
10 premises or signal public police or private guards to respond,
11 or both.

12 "(6) CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM (CCTV). A
13 combination of electronic equipment and devices designed and
14 arranged for the viewing, monitoring, or recording of video
15 signals transmitted from transmitters, such as cameras, to
16 receivers, such as monitors, digital video recorders, and
17 network video recorders (NVR) through a closed cable or other
18 video signal transmission method.

19 "(7) DEACTIVATION. The manipulation of a lock or
20 locking mechanism, by any means other than the original
21 designed intent, to force the lock or mechanism to open.

22 "~~(7)~~(8) ELECTRONIC ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM. A system
23 that is powered by the building's primary power source and is
24 used as a process to grant or deny an individual access to a
25 specific area or object based upon his or her possession of an
26 item, a code, or physical characteristic.

1 "~~(8)~~(9) INSTALLATION. The initial placement of
2 equipment or the extension, modification, or alteration of
3 equipment after initial placement.

4 "~~(9)~~(10) LOCKSMITH. A person or business entity that
5 offers to undertake, represents itself as being able to
6 undertake, or does undertake the installation, deactivation,
7 or service of locks for motor vehicles or for residential or
8 commercial use. The term does not include a person whose
9 financial compensation from services as a locksmith for the
10 installation, deactivation, or service of locks for
11 residential use does not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500)
12 annually and who does not advertise for his or her services as
13 a locksmith.

14 "~~(10)~~(11) MONITORING STATION. A location where alarm
15 signals are received as a part of an alarm system and then
16 relayed via operator to law enforcement officials.

17 "~~(11)~~(12) SERVICE. Necessary repair in order to
18 return the system to operational condition."

19 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
20 first day of the third month following its passage and
21 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.