

# SENATE BILL No. 163

February 25, 2015, Introduced by Senators BOOHER and JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 2012 PA 580, entitled  
"Security alarm systems act,"  
by amending section 2 (MCL 338.2182).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Alarm system" means any mechanical or electrical device, including an electronic access control system, a video monitoring system, a burglar alarm system, smoke detectors, or any other electronic system that is designed to emit an audible alarm or transmit a signal or message to a central monitoring station if it is activated and that is used to detect an unauthorized entry into a protected premises or alert other persons of the occurrence of a fire or medical emergency or the commission of an unlawful act against a person or in a protected premises. The term includes, but is not limited to, a silent, panic, holdup, robbery, duress,

1 burglary, medical alert, or proprietor alarm that signals a central  
2 monitoring station.

3 (b) "Applicant" means a person for which a registration  
4 statement is filed under section 3.

5 (c) "Background check" means a criminal history check  
6 administered by a public or private entity that examines federal  
7 and state government records in a manner that allows for the  
8 successful identification of the criminal offenses listed in  
9 section 4(3)(c).

10 (d) "Department" means department of licensing and regulatory  
11 affairs.

12 (e) "Local unit of government" means a city, county, village,  
13 or township, or a special district designated by law that exercises  
14 limited government powers or powers in respect to limited  
15 government subjects.

16 (f) "Operator" means an employee or independent contractor who  
17 performs alarm operator, dispatcher, or monitor functions for a  
18 security alarm system at a central monitoring station. The term  
19 does not include a system user who receives signals or messages  
20 about his or her own security alarm system.

21 (g) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
22 limited liability company, or other legal entity.

23 (h) "Protected premises" means a location at or in which a  
24 system user's security alarm system is installed and maintained.

25 (i) "Registrant" means a person that is registered by the  
26 department as a system provider.

27 (j) "Registration" means a registration that is issued by the

1 department.

2 (k) "Remote monitoring" means the retransmission of  
3 information received from a security alarm system to a central  
4 monitoring system.

5 (l) "Security alarm system" means a detection device or an  
6 assembly of equipment and devices that transmits signals to a  
7 central monitoring station and is arranged to signal the presence  
8 of a hazard that requires urgent attention or to which police are  
9 expected to respond. The term includes any electronic system that  
10 transmits signals to a central monitoring station and monitors or  
11 records various components designed to detect or prevent  
12 burglaries, intrusions, theft, or robbery of the protected  
13 premises, including, but not limited to, an intrusion detection  
14 system, video monitoring or recording system, access control  
15 system, and 1-way or 2-way audio monitoring systems. The term does  
16 not include a fire alarm system or an alarm system that monitors  
17 temperature, humidity, or other condition that is not directly  
18 related to the detection or prevention of burglaries, intrusions,  
19 theft, or robbery of the protected premises.

20 (m) "System provider" means a person that engages in the  
21 business of selling, leasing, renting, maintaining, repairing,  
22 installing, or otherwise providing security alarm systems to the  
23 public at the protected premises or by remote monitoring. The term  
24 does not include any of the following:

25 (i) A person that purchases, rents, or uses an alarm system  
26 that is affixed to a motor vehicle.

27 (ii) A person that owns or conducts a business of selling,

1 leasing, renting, installing, maintaining, or monitoring an alarm  
2 system that is affixed to a motor vehicle.

3 (iii) An alarm system that is operated by this state, a  
4 political subdivision of this state, an agency or department of  
5 this state or a political subdivision of this state, or any other  
6 governmental agency or department.

7 (iv) A person that installs a nonmonitored alarm system for a  
8 business that the person owns, is employed by, or manages.

9 (v) A person that only manufactures or sells security alarm  
10 systems, unless that person services, installs, monitors, or  
11 responds to signals from security alarm systems at the protected  
12 premises.

13 (vi) A person that sells security alarm systems that are  
14 designed to be installed and monitored by any of the following:

15 (A) The customer, and not the person selling the security  
16 alarm system.

17 (B) An affiliate of or contractor to the person selling the  
18 security alarm system if the affiliate or contractor that installs  
19 at the protected premises or monitors the security alarm system is  
20 registered under this act.

21 (vii) A security alarm system contractor, as defined in section  
22 2 of the private security business and security alarm act, 1968 PA  
23 330, MCL 338.1052, that is required to obtain a license under that  
24 act.

25 (viii) **A SECURITY GUARD AGENCY THAT IS LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE**  
26 **14A OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.1421 TO**  
27 **339.1443, AND WHOSE EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS USE CLIENT-INSTALLED**

1 EQUIPMENT OR EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY A SYSTEM PROVIDER THAT IS  
2 REGISTERED UNDER THIS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE  
3 PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY OF A CLIENT OF THE SECURITY GUARD AGENCY. AS  
4 USED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH:

5 (A) "EQUIPMENT" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ACCESS  
6 CONTROL EQUIPMENT; VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT;  
7 AUDIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT; INTRUSION DETECTION AND PREVENTION  
8 EQUIPMENT; AND AUTOMATED BARRIERS.

9 (B) "NORMAL END USER FUNCTIONS" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED  
10 TO, VIDEO AND ALARM MONITORING; RETRIEVING VIDEO HISTORY FOR USE BY  
11 A CLIENT, SECURITY, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT; ALLOWING OR DENYING ENTRY  
12 TO INDIVIDUALS OR VEHICLES BY CONTROLLED ACCESS EQUIPMENT;  
13 MAINTAINING DATABASES; OR AUDIO COMMUNICATION. NORMAL END USER  
14 FUNCTIONS MAY BE PERFORMED ON-SITE OR FROM A REMOTE FACILITY OF A  
15 CLIENT.

16 (C) "USE" MEANS ONLY NORMAL END USER FUNCTIONS AND CAPABILITY  
17 THAT IS INSTALLED OR PROVIDED BY A SYSTEM PROVIDER TO A CLIENT.

18 (ix) A SECURITY GUARD AGENCY THAT IS LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 14A  
19 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.1421 TO 339.1443,  
20 AND WHOSE EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS RESPOND TO BURGLAR, FIRE, OR  
21 SUPERVISORY ALARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING THE PROPERTY AND  
22 ENSURING THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS IN OR ON THAT PROPERTY. AS USED  
23 IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, "RESPOND" MAY INCLUDE REVIEWING ALARM  
24 HISTORY, RESETTING THE ALARM, AND, IF AUTHORIZED, PERFORMING OTHER  
25 NORMAL END-USER TASKS INCLUDING BYPASSING A PROTECTED ZONE IF  
26 NECESSARY TO RESET THE ALARM SYSTEM.

27 (n) "System user" means a person that uses a security alarm

1 system at a protected premises or remotely.

2 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
3 after the date it is enacted into law.

4 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
5 unless all of the following bills of the 98th Legislature are  
6 enacted into law:

7 (a) Senate Bill No.161.

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9 (b) Senate Bill No.164.

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11 (c) Senate Bill No.162.

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