

**SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 580 of 2012**

**338.2182 Definitions.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) A person that owns or conducts a business of selling, leasing, renting, installing, maintaining, or monitoring an alarm system that is affixed to a motor vehicle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(n) "System user" means a person that uses a security alarm system at a protected premises or remotely.

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