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**A196, R222, H4889**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Governor's Action: May 16, 2022, Signed

Summary: Alarm System

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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2/1/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20220201.docx))

2/1/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20220201.docx))

3/9/2022 House Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\hj\20220309.docx))

3/29/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 46](file:///h:\hj\20220329.docx))

3/29/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑98 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 46](file:///h:\hj\20220329.docx))

3/30/2022 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20220330.docx))

3/30/2022 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20220330.docx))

3/30/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20220330.docx))

4/28/2022 Senate Polled out of committee **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20220428.docx))

4/28/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20220428.docx))

4/29/2022 Scrivener's error corrected

5/4/2022 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 46](file:///h:\sj\20220504.docx))

5/10/2022 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 52](file:///h:\sj\20220510.docx))

5/10/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 52](file:///h:\sj\20220510.docx))

5/10/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑44 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 52](file:///h:\sj\20220510.docx))

5/11/2022 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20220511.docx))

5/12/2022 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 80](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑101 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 80](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Ratified R 222 ([Senate Journal‑page 227](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/16/2022 Signed By Governor

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑79‑215 SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN ALARM BUSINESS OR CONTRACTOR FROM BEING FINED FOR A FALSE ALARM NOT ATTRIBUTED TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION, DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT, OR OPERATIONAL ERROR BY THE ALARM BUSINESS OR CONTRACTOR.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Exception to civil penalties for false alarms**

SECTION 1. Chapter 79, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑79‑215. An alarm business or contractor as defined in this chapter, or an alarm business call center, must not be fined or assessed a penalty by a local government for false alarms which are not attributed to improper installation, defective equipment, or operational error by the alarm business contractor.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 12th day of May, 2022.

Approved the 16th day of May, 2022.

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