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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to intrusion and burglar alarms;
3 amending s. 489.529, F.S.; providing an exclusion from
4 the requirement for a verification call prior to alarm
5 dispatch for specified premises under certain
6 circumstances; requiring alarm monitoring companies to
7 make reasonable efforts to inform certain customers of
8 specified rights; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 489.529, Florida Statutes, is amended
13 to read:

14 489.529 Alarm verification calls required.—All residential
15 or commercial intrusion/burglary alarms that have central
16 monitoring must have a central monitoring verification call made
17 to a telephone number associated with the premises generating
18 the alarm signal, prior to alarm monitor personnel contacting a
19 law enforcement agency for alarm dispatch. The central
20 monitoring station must employ call-verification methods for the
21 premises generating the alarm signal if the first call is not
22 answered. However, ~~if the intrusion/burglary alarms have~~
23 ~~properly operating visual or auditory sensors that enable the~~
24 ~~monitoring personnel to verify the alarm signal,~~ verification
25 calling is not required if:



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26 (1) The intrusion/burglary alarm has a properly operating
27 visual or auditory sensor that enables the monitoring personnel
28 to verify the alarm signal; or

29 (2) The intrusion/burglary alarm is installed on a
30 premises that is used for the storage of firearms or ammunition
31 by a person who holds a valid federal firearms license as a
32 manufacturer, importer, or dealer of firearms or ammunition,
33 provided the customer notifies the alarm monitoring company that
34 he or she holds such license and would like to bypass the two-
35 call verification protocol. Upon initiation of a new alarm
36 monitoring service contract, the alarm monitoring company shall
37 make reasonable efforts to inform a customer who holds a valid
38 federal firearms license as a manufacturer, importer, or dealer
39 of firearms or ammunition of his or her right to opt out of the
40 two-call verification protocol.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

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