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DIVISION 3. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS GENERALLY [5000 - 9998.11] (*Heading of Division 3 added by Stats. 1939, Ch. 30.)*

CHAPTER 11.6. Alarm Companies [7590 - 7599.80] (*Chapter 11.6 added by Stats. 1982, Ch. 1210, Sec. 12.)*

ARTICLE 3. Application of Chapter [7592 - 7592.9] (*Article 3 added by Stats. 1982, Ch. 1210, Sec. 12.)*

7592. No person shall engage within this state in the activities of an alarm company operator as defined in Section 7590.2, unless the person holds a valid alarm company operator's license or is exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

(*Added by Stats. 1982, Ch. 1210, Sec. 12.*)

7592.2. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, or who conspires with another person to violate any provision of this chapter, or who knowingly engages an unlicensed alarm company operator after being notified in writing by the bureau of the alarm company operator's unlicensed status with the bureau, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(*Added by Stats. 1982, Ch. 1210, Sec. 12.*)

7592.3. Any person who engages in any business regulated by this chapter, who acts as or represents himself or herself to be a licensee under this chapter, who falsely represents that he or she is employed by a licensee, or who carries a badge, identification card, or business card, or uses a letterhead or advertises that he or she is a licensee under this chapter, unless such person is licensed under this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and is punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(*Added by Stats. 1982, Ch. 1210, Sec. 12.*)

7592.5. No person engaged in performing any service requiring a license under this chapter may bring or maintain any action in any court of this state for the collection of compensation for the performance of any act or agreement, without alleging and proving, that the person was duly licensed at all times during the performance of the act or agreement.

(*Added by Stats. 1982, Ch. 1210, Sec. 12.*)

7592.6. Any person who knowingly falsifies fingerprints or photographs as required for any provisions of this chapter is guilty of a felony.

(*Added by Stats. 1982, Ch. 1210, Sec. 12.*)

7592.8. (a) The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent the local authorities of any city, county, or city and county, by ordinance and within the exercise of the police power of the city, county, or city and county from:

(1) Requiring alarm company operator licensees to meet the requirements for and obtain a business permit.

(2) Requiring alarm agents or alarm company operators, or both, to register their name and file a copy of their state issued identification card with the city, county, or city and county. No fee, other than a fee for a business license permit, may be charged nor may any application be required by the city, county, or city and county for that registration.

(3) (A) Enacting ordinances governing false alarm activations and responses.

(B) An alarm company operator or an alarm agent shall not be liable for civil penalties and fines assessed or imposed by a city, county, or city and county for false alarms not attributed to alarm company operator error, improper installation of the alarm

system by an alarm agent or an alarm company operator, defective equipment provided or installed by an alarm agent or an alarm company operator, or defective equipment leased by an alarm company operator.

(4) Requiring persons who own, lease, rent, or otherwise possess an alarm system to obtain a permit to operate the alarm system.

(b) This section shall not be construed to affect the authority of a city, county, or city and county to adopt and enforce ordinances requiring alarm companies to attempt to verify alarm events before requesting dispatch.

(c) Except as otherwise required to comply with this chapter, this section shall not be construed to require the bureau to investigate, hear, or adjudicate a cause of action between an alarm company and a city, county, or city and county that pertains to liability for penalties imposed under an ordinance enacted by the city, county, or city and county.

(Amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 157, Sec. 1. (AB 1616) Effective January 1, 2018.)

7592.9. Notwithstanding Section 7592.8, a city, county, or city and county that requires a person who owns, leases, rents, or otherwise possesses an alarm system to obtain a local use permit to operate the alarm system shall not fine an alarm company for requesting dispatch to a customer, whether residential or commercial, that does not have a current local use permit if either apply:

(a) It was not the alarm company's legal responsibility to obtain the local use permit for the customer or renew the local use permit for the customer.

(b) If it is the alarm company's legal responsibility to renew the local use permit for the customer, the alarm company was not notified that the customer's local use permit had expired.

(c) Except as otherwise required by this chapter, this section shall not be construed to require the bureau to investigate, hear, or adjudicate a cause of action between an alarm company and a city, county, or city and county that pertains to liability for penalties imposed under an ordinance enacted by the city, county, or city and county.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 376, Sec. 22. (AB 830) Effective January 1, 2022.)