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**A B I L L**

To amend section 4745.01 and to enact sections 1  
4770.01 to 4770.14 and 4770.99 of the Revised Code 2  
to require the licensure of persons operating 3  
security or life-safety systems companies or 4  
companies providing locksmith services and of 5  
individuals performing specified types of security 6  
or life-safety systems work or locksmith services 7  
and to establish the Security or Life-Safety 8  
Systems Advisory Board in the Office of the State 9  
Fire Marshal. 10

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4745.01 be amended and sections 11  
4770.01, 4770.02, 4770.03, 4770.04, 4770.05, 4770.06, 4770.07, 12  
4770.08, 4770.09, 4770.10, 4770.11, 4770.12, 4770.13, 4770.14, and 13  
4770.99 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 14

**Sec. 4745.01.** (A) "Standard renewal procedure," as used in 15  
Chapters 905., 907., 909., 911., 913., 915., 918., 921., 923., 16  
927., 942., 943., 953., 1321., 3710., 3713., 3719., 3731., 3742., 17

3748., 3769., 3783., 3921., 3951., 4104., 4105., 4143., 4169., 18  
4561., 4703., 4707., 4709., 4713., 4715., 4717., 4723., 4725., 19  
4727., 4728., 4729., 4731., 4733., 4734., 4735., 4739., 4741., 20  
4747., 4749., 4752., 4753., 4755., 4757., 4758., 4759., 4761., 21  
4766., 4770., 4773., and 4775. of the Revised Code, means the 22  
license renewal procedures specified in this chapter. 23

(B) "Licensing agency," as used in this chapter, means any 24  
department, division, board, section of a board, or other state 25  
governmental unit subject to the standard renewal procedure, as 26  
defined in this section, and authorized by the Revised Code to 27  
issue a license to engage in a specific profession, occupation, or 28  
occupational activity, or to have charge of and operate certain 29  
specified equipment, machinery, or premises. 30

(C) "License," as used in this chapter, means a license, 31  
certificate, permit, card, or other authority issued or conferred 32  
by a licensing agency by authority of which the licensee has or 33  
claims the privilege to engage in the profession, occupation, or 34  
occupational activity, or to have control of and operate certain 35  
specific equipment, machinery, or premises, over which the 36  
licensing agency has jurisdiction. 37

(D) "Licensee," as used in this chapter, means either the 38  
person to whom the license is issued or renewed by a licensing 39  
agency, or the person, partnership, or corporation at whose 40  
request the license is issued or renewed. 41

(E) "Renewal" and "renewed," as used in this chapter and in 42  
the chapters of the Revised Code specified in division (A) of this 43  
section, includes the continuing licensing procedure provided in 44  
Chapter 3748. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it and 45  
in sections 1321.05 and 3921.33 of the Revised Code, and as 46  
applied to those continuing licenses any reference in this chapter 47  
to the date of expiration of any license shall be construed to 48  
mean the due date of the annual or other fee for the continuing 49

license. 50

Sec. 4770.01. As used in this chapter: 51

(A) "Access control system" means a combination of electronic 52  
equipment and devices that does not emit transmissions requiring 53  
public sector response and that is designed and arranged for the 54  
control of authorized individuals, vehicles, and materials through 55  
entrances and exits of a controlled area or premises. 56

(B) "Burglar alarm detection system" means an assembly of 57  
equipment and devices designed and arranged to signal either a 58  
threat to an occupant due to an unauthorized entry or an attempted 59  
entry of a person or an object into the area protected by the 60  
system. 61

(C) "Closed-circuit television" means an in-house television 62  
system or video monitoring system in which a transmitter (camera) 63  
feeds one or more receivers (monitors) through a closed cable or 64  
other transmission method. 65

(D) "Compliance agent" means a person employed by a security 66  
or life-safety systems company to receive service of process in 67  
this state and any notices and to perform other duties as 68  
specified in rules adopted by the security or life-safety systems 69  
advisory board. 70

(E) "Fire alarm and detection system" means an assembly of 71  
equipment and devices designed and arranged to signal a fire. 72

(F) "Locksmith services" means servicing, installing, 73  
repairing, rebuilding, rekeying, repinning, adjusting, or 74  
installing locks, mechanical or electronic security devices, 75  
annunciation devices not designed to require a response by law 76  
enforcement, or the opening of a lock by a means not intended by 77  
the manufacturer of the device. 78

(G) "Monitoring" means the transmission and receipt of 79

signals and the retransmission of information received from a 80  
security or life-safety system to the proper individual as 81  
required by law or as directed by the user of the security or 82  
life-safety system. 83

(H) "Operator" means an individual who performs the function 84  
of alarm operator, dispatcher, or monitor for a security or 85  
life-safety system. 86

(I) "Security or life-safety system" means an assembly of 87  
electronic equipment and devices that provides, as its main 88  
purpose, the protection of life or property and the detection of 89  
threats or violations to the security of the protected premises. 90  
"Security or life-safety system" includes a burglary alarm 91  
detection system, fire alarm and detection system, access control 92  
system, and closed-circuit television. "Security or life-safety 93  
system" does not include an electronic system that is activated by 94  
a device that an individual carries on the individual's self that, 95  
if activated by the individual, allows the individual to contact 96  
or signal outside medical assistance in the case of an emergency. 97

(J) "Technician" means an individual who performs the 98  
installation and repair of security or life-safety systems or who 99  
provides locksmith services. 100

**Sec. 4770.02.** (A) No person shall operate a company to sell, 101  
install, repair, monitor, or inspect any security or life-safety 102  
system for a profit or to provide locksmith services for a profit 103  
in this state unless that person is licensed pursuant to this 104  
chapter. Any person conducting business as a security or 105  
life-safety systems company in multiple locations in this state 106  
need have only one license that lists the office address of each 107  
location within this state. 108

(B) No individual shall sell, lease, rent, plan, install, 109  
monitor, maintain, repair, test, or inspect a security or 110

life-safety system for a profit or provide locksmith services for 111  
a profit unless that individual has an appropriate license issued 112  
pursuant to this chapter as a technician, salesperson, or operator 113  
in one or more of the following specialties: access control 114  
system, burglar alarm detection system, closed-circuit television, 115  
fire alarm and detection system, locksmith services, or 116  
monitoring. 117

Sec. 4770.03. This chapter does not apply to any of the 118  
following: 119

(A) A person licensed as an engineer or architect who only 120  
designs, inspects, or plans security or life-safety systems; 121

(B) A person who services or installs, repairs, rebuilds, 122  
rekeys, repins, or adjusts locks in or on safes or vaults and does 123  
not provide other types of locksmith services; 124

(C) An electrician who holds a certificate issued by the 125  
state fire marshal pursuant to section 3737.65 of the Revised Code 126  
or an electrical contractor licensed under Chapter 4740. of the 127  
Revised Code; 128

(D) Any other person the security or life-safety systems 129  
advisory board exempts pursuant to rules the board adopts pursuant 130  
to division (A) of section 4770.05 of the Revised Code. 131

Sec. 4770.04. (A) There is hereby established in the office 132  
of the state fire marshal the security or life-safety systems 133  
advisory board, consisting of seven voting members. One member 134  
shall be the state fire marshal, and the governor shall appoint 135  
the remaining six members. One of the appointed members shall 136  
represent businesses that provide monitoring services, one shall 137  
operate a business that provides locksmith services, one shall be 138  
a consumer who uses a security or life-safety system, one shall be 139  
a representative of the buckeye state sheriff's association or its 140

successor organization, and two shall be individuals who are 141  
licensed pursuant to this chapter and who have at least five years 142  
experience in the security or life-safety systems industry. No two 143  
members of the board may be employed by the same company. 144

(B) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of 145  
this section, the governor shall make the initial appointments to 146  
the board. Of the initial appointments to the board, two shall be 147  
for terms of four years, two shall be for terms of three years, 148  
and two shall be for a term of two years. Thereafter, each term 149  
shall be for four years, ending on the same day of the same month 150  
as the term that it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from 151  
the date of appointment until the end of the term for which 152  
appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for 153  
original appointments. A member appointed to fill a vacancy prior 154  
to the expiration of a term shall hold office for the remainder of 155  
that term. A member shall continue in office subsequent to the 156  
expiration of the term until the member's successor takes office. 157  
No member may be appointed for more than two consecutive terms of 158  
four years. 159

(C) The members of the board shall not be compensated but 160  
shall be reimbursed for actual expenses reasonably incurred in the 161  
performance of their duties as members. 162

(D) The state fire marshal may employ administrative staff as 163  
the state fire marshal determines necessary to carry out the 164  
purposes of this chapter. 165

**Sec. 4770.05.** (A) The security or life-safety systems 166  
advisory board shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the 167  
Revised Code that do all of the following: 168

(1) Establish a separate license for an individual to receive 169  
as a technician, salesperson, or operator, and require an 170  
individual to obtain a technician, salesperson, or operator 171

<u>license for each specialty listed in division (B) of section</u>	172
<u>4770.02 of the Revised Code that the individual wishes to</u>	173
<u>practice;</u>	174
<u>(2) Establish application procedures and overall requirements</u>	175
<u>for applicants for initial licensure to satisfy that include all</u>	176
<u>of the following:</u>	177
<u>(a) A requirement that a company provide its primary business</u>	178
<u>address to the state fire marshal to receive a license;</u>	179
<u>(b) A requirement that criminal background checks be</u>	180
<u>conducted for each applicant for any type of license;</u>	181
<u>(c) Training and examination requirements that are based on</u>	182
<u>measurable objectives and are designed to ensure and accurately</u>	183
<u>test an applicant's proficiency, and that each individual applying</u>	184
<u>for a license as a technician, salesperson, or operator must</u>	185
<u>satisfy for each specialty listed in division (B) of section</u>	186
<u>4770.02 of the Revised Code that the applicant wishes to practice;</u>	187
<u>(3) Establish procedures to have criminal background checks</u>	188
<u>conducted for all applicants and for employees described in</u>	189
<u>section 4770.06 of the Revised Code and to process applications;</u>	190
<u>(4) Establish a system that allows an individual who is</u>	191
<u>licensed as a technician, salesperson, or operator to receive</u>	192
<u>additional licenses in multiple specialties listed in division (B)</u>	193
<u>of section 4770.02 of the Revised Code;</u>	194
<u>(5) Establish training and examination requirements that must</u>	195
<u>be satisfied by an individual applying for licensure in multiple</u>	196
<u>specialties pursuant to the system established by the board under</u>	197
<u>division (A)(4) of this section and require a licensee to satisfy</u>	198
<u>the examination and training requirements established by the board</u>	199
<u>for each additional specialty that the licensee wishes to</u>	200
<u>practice;</u>	201

(6) Establish and implement standards for the operation of security or life-safety systems companies and companies providing locksmith services; 202  
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(7) Create a provisional license for a person enrolled in an apprenticeship program and who must engage in an activity described in division (B) of section 4770.02 of the Revised Code as a part of that program, establish requirements for an applicant to obtain a provisional license, and require the state fire marshal to issue a provisional license to an applicant who meets the requirements established pursuant to division (A)(7) of this section; 205  
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(8) Establish requirements that each licensee must satisfy to renew each type of license, including continuing education requirements and a requirement that a company must provide its primary business address to the state fire marshal; 213  
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(9) Establish requirements an institution wishing to offer courses that a licensee may take to satisfy continuing education requirements the board establishes pursuant to division (A)(8) of this section shall satisfy in order to offer courses for which a licensee may receive credit toward completing such continuing education requirements; 217  
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(10) Establish requirements that instructors who teach courses that a licensee may take to satisfy continuing education requirements established by the board shall satisfy in order to teach such courses; 223  
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(11) Establish requirements that a person shall satisfy to be designated a compliance agent by a licensed company in accordance with section 4770.08 of the Revised Code, including that the person must hold a license issued under this chapter as a technician, operator, or salesperson; 227  
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(12) Specify the duties of the compliance agent designated by 232



<u>a company;</u>	233
<u>(13) Specify information that the state fire marshal shall</u>	234
<u>collect and maintain as part of a registry of personnel employed</u>	235
<u>by a company licensed under this chapter and licensees;</u>	236
<u>(14) Establish procedures for hearing appeals from the</u>	237
<u>actions and decisions of the state fire marshal;</u>	238
<u>(15) Designate crimes, including dishonesty and corruption,</u>	239
<u>that relate to the performance of a licensee that disqualify a</u>	240
<u>person from holding a license pursuant to this chapter;</u>	241
<u>(16) As the board determines necessary, specify any person</u>	242
<u>who is exempt from the requirements of this chapter in addition to</u>	243
<u>those persons specified in section 4770.03 of the Revised Code;</u>	244
<u>(17) Establish fees to cover the cost of each examination the</u>	245
<u>board determines that an applicant for licensure as a technician,</u>	246
<u>salesperson, or operator shall successfully pass to receive a</u>	247
<u>license and establish fees that are less than those specified in</u>	248
<u>division (A)(3) of section 4770.14 of the Revised Code that a</u>	249
<u>licensee shall pay to obtain licensure in multiple specialties in</u>	250
<u>accordance with the system established by the board pursuant to</u>	251
<u>division (A)(4) of this section or to obtain multiple licenses as</u>	252
<u>a technician, salesperson, or operator.</u>	253
<u>(B) The board shall not adopt any rule that unreasonably</u>	254
<u>restricts competition or the availability of services requiring</u>	255
<u>licenses pursuant to this chapter or unnecessarily increases the</u>	256
<u>cost of services without a corresponding benefit.</u>	257
<u>(C) If the board or the state fire marshal receives any</u>	258
<u>information regarding an applicant's customer list, including the</u>	259
<u>name, address, or telephone number of a customer of the applicant,</u>	260
<u>the board or the state fire marshal shall keep that information</u>	261
<u>confidential and that information is not considered a public</u>	262
<u>record under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.</u>	263

Sec. 4770.06. A company or individual who wishes to be 264  
licensed under this chapter shall submit an application to the 265  
state fire marshal on a form the state fire marshal provides and, 266  
except as otherwise provided in this section, the appropriate fees 267  
specified in section 4770.14 of the Revised Code. An individual 268  
applying for licensure as a technician, operator, or salesperson 269  
pursuant to this chapter may apply for licensure in one or more of 270  
the specialties listed in division (B) of section 4770.02 of the 271  
Revised Code in accordance with the system established by the 272  
board pursuant to division (A)(4) of section 4770.05 of the 273  
Revised Code and may apply for one or more types of licenses. An 274  
individual applying for licensure in multiple specialties or for 275  
multiple licenses as a technician, salesperson, or operator shall 276  
successfully complete the training and examination requirements 277  
for each specialty the individual wishes to practice or for each 278  
license the individual wishes to receive. If an individual applies 279  
for licensure in multiple specialties or applies for multiple 280  
types of licenses, and that individual holds a license issued 281  
pursuant to this chapter as a technician, salesperson, or 282  
operator, the state fire marshal shall charge that individual the 283  
reduced fee for licensure established by the board in rules 284  
adopted pursuant to division (A) of section 4770.05 of the Revised 285  
Code and the appropriate examination fee established in rules 286  
adopted by the board pursuant to that division. The state fire 287  
marshal shall not charge that individual the initial license fee 288  
specified under division (A)(3) of section 4770.14 of the Revised 289  
Code if the individual holds a license issued pursuant to this 290  
chapter at the time the individual applies for licensure in 291  
multiple specialties or applies for additional licenses as a 292  
technician, salesperson, or operator. 293

The state fire marshal shall issue a license to any person 294  
who files with the state fire marshal an application, pays the 295

appropriate fees specified in section 4770.14 of the Revised Code, 296  
and meets all other requirements the board establishes in rules 297  
adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 298

The state fire marshal shall maintain a registry of personnel 299  
employed by a company licensed under this chapter and licensees in 300  
accordance with the rules adopted by the board under division 301  
(A)(13) of section 4770.05 of the Revised Code and shall make that 302  
registry available to the public. 303

Any person who is employed by a company licensed under this 304  
chapter and who is not licensed as a technician, salesperson, or 305  
operator pursuant to this chapter, but who has access to 306  
information in the ordinary course of employment that would allow 307  
that individual to circumvent security or life-safety systems, 308  
shall satisfy any criminal background check requirements for 309  
licensees established by the board pursuant to section 4770.05 of 310  
the Revised Code. The state fire marshal shall not issue a license 311  
to any person who employs an individual who has been convicted of 312  
a felony. 313

Sec. 4770.07. The state fire marshal may grant licenses to a 314  
person who is registered or licensed in another state that the 315  
security or life-safety systems advisory board determines and 316  
indicates in rule to have registration or licensing requirements 317  
that are approximately equal, in substance and intent, to the 318  
requirements of this state and that extends reciprocity similar to 319  
that offered in this section to an individual or company that is 320  
licensed in this state pursuant to this chapter. The state fire 321  
marshal shall issue a license to any such person who files an 322  
application on a form the state fire marshal provides, pays the 323  
appropriate fee, and meets any other qualifications established by 324  
the board in rules adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 325  
Revised Code. 326

A burglar alarm detection system company or fire alarm and 327  
detection system company that has the company's principal place of 328  
business located in another state and that is licensed pursuant to 329  
this chapter is not required to have an office or a compliance 330  
agent with a physical presence in this state if the state where 331  
the company's principal place of business is located requires the 332  
company to designate a person as a compliance agent, requires a 333  
person to satisfy requirements that are similar to the 334  
requirements the board establishes pursuant to section 4770.05 of 335  
the Revised Code to be a compliance agent, and requires the 336  
compliance agent to perform duties that are similar to those 337  
duties the board establishes for compliance agents pursuant to 338  
that section. The company shall designate a representative with a 339  
physical presence in this state who will receive notices and 340  
forward those notices to the company's compliance agent. A post 341  
office box shall not be considered a representative with a 342  
physical presence in this state. If the state where the company's 343  
principal place of business is located does not require the 344  
company to designate a compliance agent, the company shall 345  
designate a person who has a physical presence in this state as 346  
the compliance agent for the company and that person shall satisfy 347  
the requirements the board establishes for a person to be a 348  
compliance agent in accordance with section 4770.05 of the Revised 349  
Code. 350

Notwithstanding any requirement of this chapter to the 351  
contrary, any security or life-safety systems company licensed in 352  
a state the board determines to have licensing requirements 353  
approximately equal to those of this state may perform monitoring 354  
in this state if the company files an application with the state 355  
fire marshal on the form the state fire marshal provides and pays 356  
the appropriate fee. If the state where the company is licensed 357  
requires the company to designate a person as a compliance agent, 358  
requires a person to satisfy requirements that are similar to the 359

requirements the board establishes pursuant to section 4770.05 of 360  
the Revised Code to be a compliance agent, and requires the 361  
compliance agent to perform duties that are similar to the duties 362  
the board establishes for compliance agents pursuant to that 363  
section, the company is not required to designate a compliance 364  
agent in this state. If the state where the company is licensed 365  
does not require the company to designate a compliance agent, the 366  
company shall designate a person who has a physical presence in 367  
this state as the compliance agent for the company and that person 368  
shall satisfy the requirements the board establishes for a person 369  
to be a compliance agent in accordance with section 4770.05 of the 370  
Revised Code. 371

**Sec. 4770.08.** A company that is licensed under this chapter 372  
shall display a license or a branch office license, as 373  
appropriate, at each location from which the licensee offers 374  
security or life-safety system services. Except as otherwise 375  
specified in section 4770.07 of the Revised Code, each company 376  
licensed under this chapter shall designate an individual to serve 377  
as a compliance agent for that company. The individual designated 378  
as the compliance agent for the company shall satisfy the 379  
requirements established by the security or life-safety systems 380  
advisory board under section 4770.05 of the Revised Code. 381

Any person who operates a company licensed pursuant to this 382  
chapter who changes the primary mailing address of the company as 383  
previously filed after applying for licensure or renewal under 384  
section 4770.06, 4770.07, or 4770.09 of the Revised Code shall 385  
notify the state fire marshal of any change of address within 386  
thirty days of that change. 387

Any individual required to be licensed as a technician, 388  
operator, or salesperson pursuant to this chapter shall carry the 389  
individual's license while servicing, testing, repairing, or 390

installing a security or life-safety system for profit or 391  
providing locksmith services for a profit and shall produce the 392  
license for inspection upon the request of any building official 393  
who has jurisdiction over the building in which the licensee is 394  
performing activities described in division (B) of section 4770.02 395  
of the Revised Code or other authorized person designated in rules 396  
adopted by the board in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 397  
Revised Code. 398

**Sec. 4770.09.** A license issued under this chapter is valid 399  
for one year. The state fire marshal shall renew licenses pursuant 400  
to the standard renewal procedure specified in Chapter 4745. of 401  
the Revised Code. Any licensee who wishes to renew the licensee's 402  
license issued pursuant to this chapter shall submit an 403  
application and the appropriate fee specified in section 4770.14 404  
of the Revised Code to the state fire marshal. Upon receipt of a 405  
licensee's application and fee, the state fire marshal shall renew 406  
a licensee's license if the licensee satisfies the renewal 407  
requirements established by the security or life-safety systems 408  
advisory board in rules the board adopts in accordance with 409  
section 4770.05 of the Revised Code. 410

**Sec. 4770.10.** The state fire marshal may enforce this chapter 411  
irrespective of the place or location in which a violation of this 412  
chapter occurs, and upon the complaint of any person or on the 413  
initiative of the state fire marshal. The state fire marshal may 414  
cause to be investigated the business and business methods of any 415  
licensed or unlicensed person, employee, or applicant for a 416  
license. 417

To enforce this chapter and conduct any investigation 418  
authorized by it, the state fire marshal may do any of the 419  
following: 420

(A) Subpoena any person in this state and require the production of any papers the state fire marshal determines necessary; 421  
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(B) Administer oaths; 424

(C) Take depositions of any individuals subpoenaed; 425

(D) Employ field investigators. 426

The state fire marshal, acting pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and within guidelines the security or life-safety systems advisory board establishes by rule, may take disciplinary action against any licensee who violates this chapter. 427  
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The state fire marshal, as necessary in the performance of the state fire marshal's duties under this chapter, may receive any criminal background check directly from the United States department of justice. 431  
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**Sec. 4770.11.** (A) The state fire marshal may revoke or suspend the license of any person for any of the following reasons: 435  
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(1) Knowingly violating any provision of this chapter; 438

(2) Engaging in an activity described in division (B) of section 4770.02 of the Revised Code for which the person does not hold the appropriate license or permitting another person to engage in such an activity for which that person does not hold the appropriate license; 439  
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(3) Being negligent or incompetent in the performance of the activities for which the licensee holds a license; 444  
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(4) Knowingly misrepresenting information or the licensee's abilities, making false promises, or dishonest or illegal dealing with regard to the performance of the activities for which the licensee holds a license; 446  
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(5) A continued course of misrepresentation or making false promises as described in division (A)(4) of this section individually, through employees or agents, through advertising, or otherwise; 450  
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(6) Failure to notify the state fire marshal of any change of primary business address as required under section 4770.08 of the Revised Code; 454  
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(7) Failure to complete any apprenticeship program required by rule for the holder of a provisional license; 457  
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(8) Being convicted of or pleading guilty to an offense that the security or life-safety systems advisory board designates in the rules the board adopts in accordance with division (A) of section 4770.05 of the Revised Code that disqualifies a person from holding a license issued pursuant to this chapter. 459  
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(B) No person, while under suspension or revocation of a license, may be employed by or otherwise associated with any company licensed under this chapter. 464  
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**Sec. 4770.12.** The state fire marshal, with the advice of the security or life-safety systems advisory board, annually shall file a report with the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives. The report shall provide details regarding the cost of administering this chapter, the effectiveness of this chapter in protecting the public interest, the length of time it takes to conduct criminal background checks, the type and number of licenses issued, enforcement information, and any other information that the state fire marshal and board wish to convey. 467  
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**Sec. 4770.13.** No municipal corporation, county, or township may enact any ordinance that conflicts with this chapter. This restriction shall not be construed to prohibit any political 477  
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subdivision from enacting an ordinance that establishes regulatory 480  
schemes designed to prevent false alarm dispatches, schemes that 481  
require the issuance of permits to security or life-safety system 482  
users, or penalties to users for excessive false alarm dispatches. 483  
Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a political subdivision from 484  
licensing or regulating a person licensed under this chapter when 485  
that person is engaged in activities that are not related to 486  
security or life-safety systems or providing locksmith services or 487  
are not governed by this chapter. 488

The state and the political subdivisions of this state shall 489  
not charge license or registration fees to a company or individual 490  
licensed under this chapter other than as provided in this 491  
chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a 492  
political subdivision from levying a business license fee or 493  
vendor permit fee, business or occupation tax, or other tax upon a 494  
company licensed under this chapter provided that any fees or 495  
taxes levied are levied on all other types of businesses within 496  
its boundaries and are based on the physical presence of the 497  
business. 498

**Sec. 4770.14.** (A) Except as may otherwise be provided 499  
pursuant to division (B) of this section, the state fire marshal 500  
shall charge the following fees: 501

(1) For initial licensure for a company, two hundred sixty 502  
dollars; 503

(2) For renewal of a license issued to a company, one hundred 504  
fifty dollars; 505

(3) For initial licensure as a technician, operator, or 506  
salesperson, and for renewal of a license as a technician, 507  
operator, or salesperson, forty dollars; 508

(4) For an examination required to obtain licensure as a 509

technician, operator, or salesperson, the amount the security or 510  
life-safety systems advisory board specifies in rules the board 511  
adopts pursuant to division (A) of section 4770.05 of the Revised 512  
Code. 513

(B) The board, subject to the approval of the controlling 514  
board, may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 515  
Revised Code to establish fees for the issuance or renewal of a 516  
license issued to a company or to an individual as a technician, 517  
operator, or salesperson in excess of the fees specified in 518  
divisions (A)(1) to (A)(3) of this section if the cost associated 519  
with administering and enforcing this chapter increases, provided 520  
that such fees do not exceed the amounts specified in this section 521  
by more than fifty per cent. 522

(C) The state fire marshal shall deposit all money collected 523  
under this chapter in the state treasury to the credit of the 524  
security or life-safety systems fund, which is hereby created. 525  
Money credited to the fund shall be used solely to pay costs 526  
associated with the administration of this chapter and the rules 527  
adopted under it. 528

**Sec. 4770.99.** Whoever violates section 4770.02 of the Revised 529  
Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 530

**Section 2.** That existing section 4745.01 of the Revised Code 531  
is hereby repealed. 532

**Section 3.** Sections 4770.02 and 4770.99 of the Revised Code, 533  
as enacted by this act, take effect four hundred eighty days after 534  
the effective date of this act. 535

**Section 4.** Notwithstanding section 4770.04 of the Revised 536  
Code as enacted by this act, persons appointed to the Security or 537  
Life-Safety Systems Advisory Board during the two years following 538

the effective date of this act need not be licensed as required 539  
under that section. 540

**Section 5.** Not later than one hundred eighty days after the 541  
appointment of all initial members to the Security or Life-Safety 542  
Systems Advisory Board, the Board shall adopt the rules as 543  
required under this act. 544