

## Assembly Bill No. 952

### CHAPTER 395

An act to amend Section 7590.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alarm companies.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 952, Gallegos. Alarm companies.

Existing law, the Alarm Company Act, provides for the licensing and regulation of alarm companies. For those purposes, an alarm company operator is defined to exclude any entity retained to monitor alarm systems provided the entity does not perform any other duties within the definition of an alarm company operator.

This bill would delete that exclusion and instead provide that the definition includes any entity that is retained by a licensed alarm company operator, a customer, or any other person or entity, to monitor one or more alarm systems, whether or not the entity performs any other duties within the definition of an alarm company operator, as specified.

A violation of the Alarm Company Act is a misdemeanor. By expanding the scope of a crime the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 7590.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7590.2. An "alarm company operator" means any person who, for any consideration whatsoever, engages in business or accepts employment to install, maintain, alter, sell on premises, monitor, or service alarm systems or who responds to alarm systems except for any alarm agent. "Alarm company operator," includes any entity that is retained by a licensed alarm company operator, a customer, or any other person or entity, to monitor one or more alarm systems, whether or not the entity performs any other duties within the definition of an alarm company operator. The provisions of this

chapter, to the extent that they can be made applicable, shall be applicable to the duties and functions performed in monitoring alarm systems.

A person licensed as an alarm company operator may not conduct any investigation or investigations except those that are incidental to personal injury, or the theft, loss, embezzlement, misappropriation, or concealment of any property, or any other thing enumerated in this section, which he or she has been hired or engaged to protect.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

