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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for specified limitations regarding fees and
2 fines applicable to alarm system contractors, and providing
3 an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 100C.1, Code 2020, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8A. *False alarm* means the activation of
4 an alarm system when a situation requiring emergency response
5 does not actually exist. For purposes of this chapter, *false*
6 *alarm* does not include the activation of an alarm system as a
7 result of weather conditions.

8 Sec. 2. Section 100C.6, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 1. Relieve any person from payment of any local permit or
11 building fee, except as provided in section 100C.11.

12 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 100C.11 **Alarm systems — fees or fines**
13 **— limitations.**

14 A political subdivision shall not adopt or enforce an
15 ordinance, resolution, rule, or other measure requiring an
16 alarm system contractor to pay a fee or fine associated with
17 any of the following:

18 1. False alarms.

19 2. Emergency response to false alarms.

20 3. Permits associated with placing or keeping an alarm
21 system in service, not including any installation permits
22 required by the political subdivision's building code.

23 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 100C.12 **Collection of fees.**

24 1. If, prior to the effective date of this Act, an alarm
25 system contractor charged its customers an amount equal to the
26 costs the political subdivision of the state imposed on the
27 alarm system contractor for permits associated with placing
28 or keeping an alarm in service, as shown on a separate line
29 item on the customer's invoice, the alarm system contractor
30 may continue to collect from its customers such fees until
31 December 31, 2020. The alarm system contractor shall pay
32 to the political subdivision of the state or its designee
33 the fees collected under this section in accordance with the
34 instructions of the political subdivision or the political
35 subdivision's designee.

