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H.B. No. 1784

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notice of certain information concerning a governmental
3 body's alarm system response policy.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 214.199, Local Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) A municipality that adopts or proposes to adopt an
8 ordinance under this section must notify permit holders that a
9 permit holder may contract with a security services provider
10 licensed by the Texas Private Security Board under Chapter 1702,
11 Occupations Code, to respond to an alarm. The notice must include
12 the board's telephone number and Internet website address.

13 SECTION 2. Section 1702.284, Occupations Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 1702.284. ALARM SYSTEMS RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL.

16 (a) Information contained in alarm systems records maintained by a
17 governmental body that concerns the location of an alarm system,
18 the name of the occupant of an alarm system location, or the type of
19 alarm system used is confidential and may be disclosed only to the
20 commission or as otherwise required by state law or court order.

21 (b) Information described by Subsection (a) may be used by
22 the governmental body to inform the occupant of:

23 (1) the governmental body's alarm system response
24 policy and any proposed change to that policy; and

1 (2) the option of the occupant to contract with a
2 security services provider to respond to the occupant's alarm.

3 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act by the
4 enactment of Section 214.199(c), Local Government Code, applies to
5 an ordinance in effect on the effective date of this Act or proposed
6 for adoption on or after that date.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.