

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SESSION LAW 2025-51
SENATE BILL 710**

AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT MODERNIZATION

SECTION 1.(a) Chapter 74D of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Chapter 74D.

"Alarm-Security Systems.

"Article 1.

"Alarm-Security Systems Licensing Act.

"§ 74D-1. Title.

This act may be cited as the "~~Alarm-~~Security Systems Licensing Act."

"§ 74D-2. ~~License-Business and qualifying agent license requirements.~~

(a) License Required. – No person, firm, association, corporation, or department or division of a firm, association or corporation, shall engage in or hold itself out as engaging in ~~an alarm-a security systems~~ business without first being licensed in accordance with this Chapter. A department or division of a firm, association, or corporation may be separately licensed under this Chapter if the distinct department or division, as opposed to the firm, association, or corporation as a whole, engages in ~~an alarm-a security systems~~ business. The department or division shall ensure strict confidentiality of private security information, and the private security information of the department or division must, at a minimum, be physically separated from other premises of the firm, association, or corporation. For purposes of this Chapter ~~an "alarm-a "security systems business"~~ is defined as any person, firm, association or corporation that does any of the following:

- (1) ~~Sells-Unless otherwise exempt, sells or attempts to sell an alarm-a security system device~~ by engaging in ~~a any personal solicitation at a residence or business~~ to advise, design, or consult on specific types and specific locations of ~~alarm-security system devices.~~
- (2) ~~Installs-Unless otherwise exempt, installs, services, monitors, or responds to electrical, wireless or hardwired electronic or mechanical alarm signal devices, devices and security systems, integrated automation of a residence or business that includes a security element, burglar alarms, monitored access control, or cameras-cameras, analytic capturing devices, systems providing intelligence or other imaging devices used to detect or observe~~ burglary, breaking or entering, intrusion, shoplifting, pilferage,

- (10) Upon request of the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board or the North Carolina Security Systems Licensing Board, if the criminal record was expunged under this Chapter for licensure or registration purposes only."

SECTION 3.(c) G.S. 93B-8.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 93B-8.1. Use of criminal history records.

...

(d) This section does not apply to the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards ~~Commission and Commission~~, the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards ~~Commission-Commission~~, and the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board, and the North Carolina Security Systems Licensing Board."

SECTION 3.(d) The Security Systems Licensing Board and the Private Protective Services Board may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this Part.

SECTION 3.(e) This Part becomes effective October 1, 2025.

PART IV. ENHANCE ABC COMMISSION OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY

SECTION 4.(a) G.S. 18B-203 reads as rewritten:

"§ 18B-203. Powers and duties of the Commission.

(a) Powers. – The Commission shall have authority to:

- ...
- (23) Provide for a method for permittees and applicants to establish compliance with all local ordinances, and State and federal laws.

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SECTION 4.(b) This Part becomes effective October 1, 2025.

PART V. MODIFY LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS

SECTION 5. G.S. 18B-502(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) ~~If any alcohol law enforcement agent or local ABC officer issues a citation to an employee of a permitted establishment, who is not the named holder of an ABC permit for the establishment, for conduct occurring on the premises of the establishment that is a violation of this Chapter or Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, the alcohol law enforcement agent or local ABC officer shall send notice by electronic means or certified mail to the holder of the permit within five business days of the issuance of the citation.~~ Notice to Permit Holders. – If the Commission receives a report from a law enforcement agency other than the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement of the Department of Public Safety or a local ABC officer documenting violations of this Chapter or Chapter 14 of the General Statutes for conduct occurring on the premises of a permitted establishment, the Commission shall send notice of the alleged violation to the holder of the permit within five business days of receipt of the law enforcement agency report. The written notice shall identify the currently alleged violations and the involved employee. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent or limit the Commission from taking any additional action warranted by the circumstances of the violation."

PART VI. REVIEW OF PERSONNEL RECORDS

SECTION 6.(a) Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 17C-10.2. Transfer of certified law enforcement officers.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a North Carolina law enforcement agency considering an applicant for employment as a sworn law enforcement officer shall request access to and review the complete personnel file of the applicant maintained by or on