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NESA Position Paper on State Licensing

Summary: NESA supports licensing of the alarm industry at the state level that is developed with the support of state alarm industry associations.

Recommendations:

- NESA supports state licensing and encourages states without regulation of the alarm industry to consider enacting a requirement.
- State licensing of the alarm industry is appropriate because of the role the industry plays in life safety and in the protection of our homeland, including our critical infrastructure.
- State licensing serves to protect consumers and to put everyone on a level playing field, weeding out incompetent and dishonest practitioners, who give the industry a bad name.
- State licensing increases the professionalism of the industry by requiring best practices to be observed.
- Licensing at a state level, when done effectively, can eliminate the need for redundant requirements at the local level.
- Professional licensing should include state and federal criminal background checks. Without access to a criminal background check performed by a government agency alarm dealers cannot obtain a complete history on employees
- Professional licensing provides alarm dealers with the only access to the comprehensive background checks for employees that is provided by the access to government databases that only government agencies enjoy.
- Professional licensing should include training requirements that are appropriate to the jobs performed by the licensee.
- State licensing should include provisions to allow the recognition of the satisfaction of equivalent requirements in other states to meet requirements set by law.
- The model licensing law developed by the International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators (IASIR) should be used as the base frame work for a state licensing law.