

2022 Legislative Update Contractor's Licensing Board

The following bills were enacted by the General Assembly during the 2022 legislative session and impact the Contractor's Licensing Board and/or the Contractor's Licensing Board licensees:

Voluntary Contribution to Public Institutions through Contractor's Licensure Fees, [S.888/Act 175](#)

S.888 adds Section 40-11-40 to require the Contractor's Licensing Board to provide an applicant for a new, reinstatement, or renewal contractor's license an opportunity, in writing, to make a voluntary contribution to be distributed to an accredited public institution of higher learning offering courses in construction science, building science or civil engineering. The voluntary contributions will be added to the contractor's license fee and transferred to the State Treasurer and credited to the appropriate institution. Applicants and licensees may designate a specific accredited institution to receive the contribution, and undesignated contributions will be distributed to accredited institutions in a pro rata manner based on program based student enrollment. The Act authorizes LLR to retain 5% of the amount distributed for administrative expenses associated with the collection and distribution of funds.

Effective date: July 15, 2022, sixty days after approval of the Governor

Alarm System Fines, [H.4889/Act 196](#)

H.4889 adds Section 40-79-215 to the SC Alarm System Business Act to prohibit an alarm business or contractor, or alarm business call center, from being fined or assessed a penalty by a local government for false alarms that are not attributed to improper installations, defective equipment or operational error by the alarm business contractor.

Effective date: May 16, 2022

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