

**2019 Legislative Update  
Contractor's Licensing Board**

The following bill was enacted by the General Assembly during the 2019 legislative session and may impact the Contractor's Licensing Board and/or the Contractor's Licensing Board licensees:

**Alarm System Business Act Amendment, [S.109/A.31](#)**

The Act adds the following definition of electric fence:

'Electric fence' means an electrified fence with a height not to exceed ten feet or two feet higher than the perimeter fence, whichever is higher, that is equipped with an energizer, driven by a commercial storage battery that does not exceed twelve volts DC. The electric charge produced by the fence upon contact must meet and may not exceed energizer characteristics that are tested against the International Electrotechnical Commission Standard. No electric fence shall be installed or used unless it is surrounded by a non-electrical fence or wall that is not less than five feet high. Electric fences shall be permitted on any property that is not zoned exclusively for residential use. Electric fences shall be clearly identified with warning signs that read: 'Warning - Electric Fence' at intervals of not more than sixty feet. 'Electric fence' does not mean an electrified fence erected for agricultural or wildlife habitat management purposes.

The Act also reorders and renumbers the remaining definitions.

Effective Date: May 13, 2019

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