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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill makes some changes to the recent bill establishing licensing procedures for individuals working on power-limited systems.

#### Section

- 1** **Process control circuits or systems.** Provides that process control systems does not include premises network communication systems unless they are dedicated to process control circuits or systems.
- 2** **Power limited technician.** Current law allows licensing of individuals who receive a score of 70 percent on the alarm and communication examination by April 30, 2003. This section would provide this type of licensing to individuals who apply to take the exam by June 30, 2003 and receive the 70 percent score by September 30, 2003.
- 3** **License and renewal fees.** Removes a reference to alarm and communications contractors.
- 4** **Exemptions from licensing.** Current law provides an exemption from licensing for individuals who are doing certain work. One of these types of work currently requires that the work not be on the load side of the service point or point of entrance, and this section provides that that requirement is in place for communications systems only.
- 5** **Exemption.** Updates language to remove an outdated reference and conform with recent changes establishing power limited technician and related licenses.
- 6** **Technology systems.** Makes changes to the exemptions from inspection for technology system installation. Removes existing exemptions for work performed by heating, ventilating, or air conditioning contractors, as well as for work performed by cable company or telephone company employees. Adds exemptions for fire alarm systems done on one- or two-family homes, and further specifies which health care systems have to be inspected.

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- 7 Exemptions from inspections.** Existing law exempts work from inspections when it is owned and maintained by certain types of utilities, and this section adds cable communications companies to that exemption.
- 8 Repealer.** Repeals sections establishing and regulating alarm and communication system licenses.
- 9 Effective date.** The bill is effective the day following final enactment, except that section 8 is effective July 1, 2003.