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TO: Honorable Eddie Lucio Jr., Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2162** by Simmons (Relating to municipal regulation of the use of alarm systems; authorizing a municipal fee.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Local Government Code to permit a municipality to impose a permit fee of up to \$250 a year for alarm system locations. The bill would permit a municipality to refuse to respond to a location if the location has had more than eight other false alarms during the preceding 12 months. The bill provides penalties for a person who uses an alarm system for a report of a false alarm by an alarm system monitor if at least three other false alarms have occurred at the location within the last year. The bill would prohibit a municipality from imposing a penalty under certain conditions. Under the provisions of the bill, a municipality that adopts an ordinance requiring a permit before using an alarm system in the municipality could impose a penalty of up to \$250 for the false report by an alarm systems monitor on a person who has not complied with ordinance requirements. The bill would permit a fine of up to \$250 for the report of a false alarm on a person not licensed under Chapter 1702, Occupation Code and would prohibit a fine on a person licensed under Chapter 1702, Occupation Code. A property owner or an agent of the property owner may elect to exclude a city from receiving an alarm signal located on the owner's property. Under the provisions of the bill, a municipality would be permitted to adopt an ordinance that specifies the requirements a property owner must satisfy to elect to exclude the municipality from receiving the alarm signal.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

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