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To Whom It May Concern

In 2013, the Alabama Legislature voted to amend the law, Code of Alabama, 1975, Section 34-1A, which pertains to the Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure (AESBL). Governor Bentley signed the bill into law on May 10, 2013, and it became effective on August 10, 2013. It has been required for several years for locksmiths to be licensed by the AESBL, although motor vehicle lock work was excluded from licensing. However, one of the main amendments to the law that became effective on August 10, 2013, was to remove the exemption for work on motor vehicle locks, except by new motor vehicle dealers as defined in Section 40-12-390 (9) that are licensed by the Department of Revenue and the new motor vehicle dealers' employees. At its November 5, 2013, Board Meeting the AESBL clarified that its definition of service includes picking or popping a lock by whatever means in order to unlock or open the device. Therefore, except for the above defined new motor vehicle dealers, any company and its employees that performs work to install, replace, or service a lock, which now includes picking or popping a lock by any means to unlock the device, on residences, businesses, safes, motor vehicles, etc. are required to be licensed by the AESBL.

The law was, also, changed in 2013 to give the AESBL the authority to conduct inspections relative to the operations of unlicensed persons and companies to ensure lawful compliance. A new section was added to the Administrative Code of the AESBL to specify the rules. One of the main provisions that was included in the changes to the law allows a judge to impose a fine of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) plus court costs and attorney fees per offense, for a company or individual that the AESBL has taken to court for failing to obey a Cease and Desist Order.

The Administrative Code is available for review on the Board's website:  
[www.aesbl.alabama.com](http://www.aesbl.alabama.com)

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Secretary

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