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By CORINNE ABATT

A rash of burglaries in Farmington started Christ Karniotis of Lathrup Village turning about a safety device for glass doors.

Karniotis' brother-in-law, who lives in Farmington, suggested he work on the idea because so many homes had been robbed by using the patio doors for entry.

It took Karniotis, a tool maker since 1953 and owner

of Karniotis Precision Products of Detroit, about two months to design and produce the small aluminum lock which is already in great demand.

The sliding glass door-dead glass window wall combination used by builders since World War II offers easy access to illegal entry.

Frederick R. Schriber, of Southfield, whose company, The Glassmart, receives many calls each week to re-

pair sliding glass doors which have been forced open, said, "It's unbelievable how fast a jimmy bar can crack the lock. The locks on door walls are absolutely atrocious. It doesn't take much leverage with the right kind of tool to snap the lock and it usually won't even crack the glass."

He explained that a tool can either be forced between the door and the frame easily snapping off the lock, or the door can be lifted up. He demonstrated how easy it is to simply lift the door from the frame.

"That's the difference in this one Mr. Karniotis has invented. You cannot lift the door to disengage the lock."

Karniotis' invention, with patent pending, is called "Slide-lock." It is made of aluminum. Steel would oxidize. It requires no more than 20 minutes to install.

Slide-lock is mounted at the base of the moving door at the point where it meets the

dead wall; a third screw goes into the dead wall. Whenever the resident wishes to lock his door, he simply turns the screw that goes into the dead wall. Karniotis will also drill a hole in the dead wall of the sliding door can be left open about four inches for fresh air and still be locked securely.

Karniotis said, "This stops the chance of lifting the door because the clearance between the pin and the hole is less than one-sixth of an inch. It's an absolute lock and so simple that any homeowner can install it easily."

He also installs aluminum pins to seal sliding windows. There is not enough clearance with these to install the slide-lock.

Ever since he started the lock-and it is not in mass production yet—Karniotis had been getting calls. Many have been local, but far from all. Officials in Dade County, Florida called for information. A hotel association in

Honolulu is interested. Lathrup Village Police Chief Thomas Tellefsen and Southfield Police Chief Milton Sackett have both seen the lock demonstrated and told Karniotis they liked it.

Karniotis is installing the locks daily. He mentions that breaking and entering cases in Southfield are up 22.8 per cent over last year. Lathrup Village also has a noticeable increase.

The Karniotis family moved to Lathrup Village about 3½ years ago after burglars broke into a former home while the family was in the house. He has been active in civic and community affairs in Lathrup and, at a neighborhood festival which he organized last September, was dubbed "neighborhood mayor" by his friends.

He started his business 20 years ago with "\$500, an idea, and some guts."

His company manufactures precision tools and instruments for the automotive

industry. He holds a patent on a machine instrument for precision grinding. Whirlwind, which is widely used.

Karniotis has no illusions about the fact that his lock will deter burglars who are willing to break the glass to get into a home. It will prevent entry short of that. The threaded hole means that manual movement is required to free the lock, and unless the glass is broken, it would be difficult or impossible to dislodge.



A TURN OF the pin at the bottom of the Slide-lock prevents movement of the sliding glass door.



CHRIST KARNIOTIS holds his newest invention, Slide-lock. (Ever photo)



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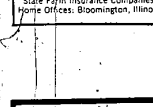
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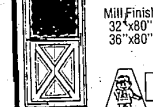
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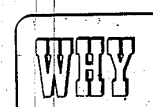
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The reforms are aimed at opening opportunities for full citizen participation in GOP affairs.

The revision committee is composed of 17 GOP leaders appointed by Gov. William Milliken. State Rep. Michael Dively of Traverse City chairs the committee, of which Oakland County Treasurer C. Hugh Dohany is a member.

**CPAs To Talk
On New Law**

The Michigan Assn. of Certified Public Accountants will hold a day-long conference on the 1973 Michigan Business Corporations Act Thursday, May 3, in the Holiday Inn 26555 Holiday Inn, Southfield.

Richard J. Giles, a CPA from Farmington, will be among the panelists talking on additional opportunities and responsibilities which a CPA has under the new Michigan Corp. Act.

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