Existing law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (department) to perform a criminal history records check of every applicant for the purpose of verifying the qualifications of an applicant for a license to handle explosives.

New law retains existing law and also requires a criminal history records check for the purpose of renewing the qualifications of the applicant for a license to handle explosives.

Prior law defined a background check as a computer check of available online state records, as well as national records which may include fingerprints of the applicant.

New law provides that a background check shall be defined as all state records of arrest, prosecution, or conviction and all expunged or dismissed convictions pursuant to existing law, as well as national records which shall include fingerprints and other identifying information of the applicant.

New law further provides that the department shall require any current or prospective manufacturer, dealer-distributor, user, blaster, or handler to submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information. Requires fingerprints and other identifying information to be submitted to the bureau.

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