

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 551 by Representative Tim Burns

PRIVATE SECURITY: Makes changes to the Private Security Regulatory and Licensing Law

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Abstract: Makes changes to the Private Security Regulatory and Licensing Law.

Present law requires an applicant or qualifying agent for a security business to have three years of consecutive experience as an employee, manager, or owner of a security company, or three years of experience as a law enforcement officer with any federal, state, local, or U.S. military law enforcement agency.

Present law provides that every person in the private security business is required to apply to the La. State Board for Private Security Examiners (board) for a license prior to operating a business or soliciting business in La.

Proposed law removes present law and provides that an applicant is prohibited from soliciting or operating a private security business prior to being issued a license.

Proposed law provides that all applicants for licensure, regardless of whether the applicant holds a valid license in a state which has comparable licensing requirements, are required to successfully pass the examination for licensure.

Present law provides that any security officer, within 30 days of his first work assignment, is required to complete eight hours of classroom training under a licensed instructor and successfully pass an examination on the prescribed material which includes the following topics:

- (1) Orientation to R.S. 37:3270 through 3299 and the board's rules and regulations: two hours.
- (2) Legal powers and limitations of a security officer: two hours.
- (3) Emergency procedures: two hours.
- (4) General duties/field notes/report writing: two hours.

Proposed law changes present law and provides that any security officer employed is required to complete, within 30 days of his first work assignment, either eight hours of classroom training or an approved curriculum-based training course under a licensed instructor and successfully pass an examination on the prescribed material which includes the topics listed in present law. Further, proposed law removes the two hours requirement from the topics listed in present law.

Present law provides that any security officer, within 60 days of his first work assignment, is required to complete an additional eight hours of classroom training under a licensed instructor and successfully pass a 50-question examination administered by the licensed instructor, while achieving a minimum score of 70%.

Proposed law changes present law and provides that any security officer, within 60 days of his first work assignment, is required to complete either an additional eight hours of classroom training or an approved curriculum-based training course under a licensed instructor and successfully pass a 50-question examination administered by the licensed instructor, while achieving a minimum score of 70%.

Present law provides that additionally, armed security officers are required to complete firearms training and range qualifications, as prescribed by the board, prior to armed work assignment.

Proposed law provides that no more than two of the training requirements in present law and proposed law may be conducted during a 24-hour period.

Present law provides that upon a registrant's completion of any training required, the licensee or employer, as the case may be, is required to furnish to the board a documented training verification form of such completion signed by a licensed instructor within 15 calendar days from the training.

Proposed law changes present law and provides that upon a registrant's completion of any training required, the licensed instructor, rather than the licensee or employer, is required to furnish to the board a documented training verification form of such completion signed by a licensed instructor within 15 calendar days from the training.

Proposed law requires an employee of a security company who discharges a weapon while on duty or traveling to or from duty to complete and file a board-provided weapons discharge report with the board within 72 hours of discharging the weapon.

Proposed law requires an instructor or trainee who discharges a weapon for any other reason than range qualification during firearms training and range qualifications to complete and file a board-provided weapons discharge report with the board within 72 hours of discharging the weapon.

(Amends R.S. 37:3276(F) and (G), 3278, and 3284(B)(1)(intro. para.), (a)-(d), and (4) and (D)(2); Adds R.S. 37:3284(B)(5) and 3299)