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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to criminal history records checks of applicants for licenses to handle explosives, requires fingerprints and other identifying information.

Present 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. Further provides that a background check is defined as a computer check of available online state records, as well as national records which may include fingerprints of the applicant.

Proposed law amends present law to require the department to perform a criminal history records check of every applicant for the purpose of verifying or renewing the qualifications of the applicant for a license to handle explosives. Further 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 present law, as well as national records which shall include fingerprints and other identifying information of the applicant.

Proposed 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.

(Amends R.S. 40:1472.3(E)(3)(b))