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Fiscal Note On: HB **157** HLS 25RS

Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED

Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For .:

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Provides relative to fees for private contract security companies

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides for an updated fee schedule for private contract security companies, the method of payment of fees, a biennial four percent increase of fees beginning July 1, 2027, the display of the fee schedule and the statutory or regulatory authority for those fees on the Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners (Board) website, and the replacement of administrative fees provided for in Part LIX of Title 46 of the Louisiana Administrative Code upon enactment of this Act.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$368,100	\$368,100	\$382,824	\$382,824	\$398,137	\$1,899,985
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$368,100	\$368,100	\$382,824	\$382,824	\$398,137	\$1,899,985

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Agency self-generated expenditures may increase as a result of this measure.

A Board official indicated an increase of expenditures to publish updated fees in the Louisiana Register. Though not a direct impact of the bill, should it pass, the official indicated that it is the Board's intention to add personnel to enhance the services of the Board.

An official with the Louisiana Division of Administration (LDOA) indicated that the Office of State Register - LDOA (OSR) charges a fee for publishing updates in the Louisiana Register. Based on current fees, the Board may be charged a fee ranging from \$107 (half-page publication) to \$213 (full-page publication) each time an update is needed. OSR sets user fees to cover its costs, therefore, increased expenditures and revenues are approximately the same.

Agency self-generated revenues could increase by approximately \$368,100 in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, then by an additional 4% biennially beginning July 1, 2027.

This measure increases initial, renewal, and miscellaneous fees for various licenses. In addition, this measure provides for a biennial increase of four percent in order to keep pace with federal guidelines governing target inflation per year.

A Board official indicated that, while not a direct impact of the bill, the Board anticipates a decrease of fine revenue in future years due to recent efforts to monitor compliance and increase industry education and awareness of rules. These efforts have resulted in increased compliance fine revenue in the current year, but will not repeat due to the reasons listed above. Therefore, the fee increases proposed in this measure are to supplement the anticipated reduction in fine revenue, allow the Board to continue operations at the current level, and hire additional personnel to enhance the services of the Board.

An official with the LDOA indicated that the OSR charges a fee for publishing updates in the Louisiana Register. Based on current fees, the Board may be charged a fee ranging from \$107 (half-page publication) to \$213 (full-page publication) each time an update is needed. OSR sets user fees to cover its costs, therefore, increased expenditures and revenues are approximately the same.

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost	House $\{S \& H\}$ $6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost \{H \& S\}$	M. G. Battle
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		Michael G. Battle Manager, Advisory Services