

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 921

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3270, 3271, 3272(A)(2), (5), (6), (9), (11), (13) through (15),  
3 (17), and (18), 3273(B) and (C), 3274(A)(1) through (5), (7), and (11), (B)(1)  
4 through (4), (6), (7), (10), and (11), (C), and (D), 3275, 3279(A)(3), 3283(A), (D),  
5 and (F)(1) and (2), 3284(B)(1), (4), and (5), (E), (F), and (J), 3287(C), 3288, and  
6 3293(C)(1) and to enact R.S. 37:3272(21) through (25), 3273(I), 3274(A)(12),  
7 3279.1, and 3284.1, relative to private security examiners; to provide for purpose;  
8 to provide for short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership; to  
9 provide for qualifications of the board; to provide for powers and duties of the board;  
10 to provide for the duties of the executive director; to provide for the procedures of  
11 approval, denial, and appeals regarding licensees; to provide for a security officer  
12 and security operations manager registration card; to provide for training of security  
13 officers; to create security canine and detector canine programs; to provide for  
14 license renewals; to provide for violations and penalties; to provide for cease and  
15 desist orders; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

16 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

17 Section 1. R.S. 37:3270, 3271, 3272(A)(2), (5), (6), (9), (11), (13) through (15), (17),  
18 and (18), 3273(B) and (C), 3274(A)(1) through (5), (7), and (11), (B)(1) through (4), (6), (7),  
19 (10), and (11), (C), and (D), 3275, 3279(A)(3), 3283(A), (D), and (F)(1) and (2),  
20 3284(B)(1), (4), and (5), (E), (F), and (J), 3287(C), 3288 and 3293(C)(1) are hereby amended  
21 and reenacted and R.S. 37:3272(21) through (25), 3273(I), 3274(A)(12), 3279.1, and 3284.1  
22 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §3270. Declaration of purpose

2 A. The Legislature of Louisiana declares that it is necessary to require the  
3 licensure and regulation of private security ~~agents and businesses to be in the best~~  
4 ~~interest of the citizens of this state~~ licensees, qualifying agents, and security officers  
5 to promote professionalism and serve the citizens of this state.

6 B. The purpose of this Chapter is to ~~require qualifying criteria~~ establish  
7 qualifying criteria and oversight mechanisms in a professional field in which  
8 unqualified or unethical individuals may injure the public. The requirements of this  
9 Chapter ~~will~~ are intended to contribute to the safety, health, ~~and~~ welfare, and  
10 accountability of the people of Louisiana.

11 §3271. Private security law; short title

12 This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the ~~Private Security~~  
13 ~~Regulatory and Licensing Law~~ "Louisiana Private Security Licensing and Regulatory  
14 Act".

15 §3272. General definition of terms

16 A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following  
17 meanings ascribed to them unless otherwise defined in this Chapter:

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19 (2) ~~"Armed security officer" is an individual who provides security services~~  
20 ~~and who at any time wears, carries, possesses, or has access to a firearm or any other~~  
21 ~~weapon defined by the board. All other defensive or offensive weapons not~~  
22 ~~approved by the board are prohibited~~ means an individual employed by a licensed  
23 contract security company or proprietary security organization who carries or has  
24 access to an approved firearm in the performance of official duties and who has met  
25 all qualifications, training, and certification requirements established by the board.

26 \* \* \*

27 (5) ~~"Branch manager" means the individual endowed with the responsibility~~  
28 ~~and liability for a branch office~~ designated by the licensee responsible for the  
29 management, supervision, and regulatory compliance of a branch office licensed by  
30 the board.





1 ~~member shall be licensed or registered with the board or a corporate officer of a~~  
 2 ~~licensed company.~~

3 (2)(a) Five members will be members of the private security industry,  
 4 appointed by the governor, and shall be one of the following:

5 (i) Company owner.

6 (ii) Qualifying agent.

7 (iii) Instructor.

8 (b) From the five members listed in this Paragraph, one member shall reside  
 9 in each of the five districts composed as follows:

10 (i) District 1: The parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard.

11 (ii) District 2: The parishes of Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, St. Charles,  
 12 St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, and Washington.

13 (iii) District 3: The parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana,  
 14 Iberville, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge, and  
 15 West Feliciana.

16 (iv) District 4: The parishes of Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard,  
 17 Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette,  
 18 Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Mary, Vermilion, and  
 19 Vernon.

20 (v) District 5: The parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell,  
 21 Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle,  
 22 Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union,  
 23 Webster, West Carroll, and Winn.

24 (c) One of the five members listed in this Paragraph shall be affiliated with  
 25 a nationally operated security company.

26 (d) Each member listed in this Paragraph shall be licensed with the board or  
 27 serve as a corporate officer of a licensed security company.

28 (e) Each member listed in this Paragraph shall have been actively engaged  
 29 in the private security industry for a minimum of five years.

30 (3) Four members will be appointed at-large from the following agencies:





1 programs, when such requirements are reasonably related to maintaining professional  
2 competence and protecting public safety within the private security industry in this  
3 state.

4 (3) Authorize ~~any~~ the chairperson, executive director, or any designated  
5 member of the board to make any affidavit necessary for the issuance of any  
6 injunction or other legal process authorized ~~under~~ pursuant to this Chapter or ~~under~~  
7 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board.

8 (4) Issue subpoenas ~~to require attendance and testimony and the production~~  
9 ~~of documents, for the purpose of enforcing the laws relative to the private security~~  
10 ~~industry and securing evidence of violations thereof~~ or subpoenas duces tecum to  
11 require attendance, testimony, or production of records necessary to enforce this  
12 Chapter and obtain evidence of violations.

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14 (6) Appoint a qualified executive ~~secretary~~ director.

15 (7) Employ ~~clerical assistance~~ staff as necessary to carry out the  
16 ~~administrative work~~ functions of the board.

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18 (10) Purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property,  
19 including making or entering into mortgages, as may be necessary or convenient to  
20 the exercise of its powers in order to accomplish the purposes of this Chapter. The  
21 board shall take title to and hold such property in its name as an agency of the state,  
22 under the fiscal control of the division of administration and subject to state property  
23 management requirements.

24 (11) When a state of emergency has been declared in this state pursuant to  
25 R.S. 14:329.6, authorize the temporary operation of out-of-state private security  
26 businesses within the state and the use of its employees within the state for the  
27 duration of the state of emergency or for a stipulated amount of time after declaration  
28 of the state of emergency, not to exceed thirty days from the last day of the declared  
29 state of emergency, if the private security business:

1 (a) Is licensed in another state in which the qualifications, insurance, and  
2 ~~training, and other similar requirements are at least equal to those required under this~~  
3 ~~Chapter~~ are substantially equivalent to those of this Chapter.

4 (b) Has notified the board ~~that they intend~~ of intent to operate ~~in the state~~ and  
5 submits all ~~information~~ required documentation requested by the board.

6 C. The ~~chairman~~ chairperson and executive ~~secretary~~ director of the board,  
7 or in their absence any other member of the board, may administer oaths in the  
8 taking of testimony upon any matter appertaining to the duties and powers of the  
9 board.

10 D. The board shall meet ~~quarterly~~ every other month at regular meetings  
11 each year. A special meeting may be held at such time and place as specified by the  
12 executive ~~secretary~~ director on call of the ~~chairman~~ chairperson or any four  
13 members. The executive ~~secretary~~ director shall give written notice of all meetings  
14 to the members of the board and to the interested public, and may conduct meetings  
15 by electronic means in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq.

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17 §3275. Executive ~~secretary~~ director; duties

18 The position of executive ~~secretary~~ director of the board is hereby created.  
19 The executive ~~secretary~~ director shall be appointed by the board and shall serve as  
20 its chief ~~administrator~~ administrative and operational officer. He shall not be a  
21 member of the board, but shall be a full-time employee of the board, ~~to be paid~~  
22 ~~compensation~~ compensated in an amount to be determined by the board. The  
23 executive ~~secretary~~ director shall perform ~~such the duties as may be~~ and exercise the  
24 authority as prescribed by the board, and shall employ such persons as he deems  
25 necessary and fix their compensation: including oversight of licensing operations,  
26 technology systems, compliance programs, and enforcement of this Chapter. The  
27 executive director shall employ, supervise, and assign personnel as necessary and fix  
28 their compensation within the limits of the board's approved budget. He shall have  
29 no ~~financial or business interests, contingent dealings or otherwise, in the security~~  
30 ~~services investigative business, watch, guard, or patrol agency while so employed or~~







1 work assignment, a minimum of sixteen hours of board-required training consisting  
2 of Security Officer Standards and Training, or S.O.S.T, by a board-licensed  
3 instructor and successfully pass an examination for each course.

4 ~~(a) Orientation to R.S. 37:3270 through 3299 and the board's rules and~~  
5 ~~regulations.~~

6 ~~(b) Legal powers and limitations of a security officer.~~

7 ~~(c) Emergency procedures.~~

8 ~~(d) General duties/field notes/report writing.~~

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10 (4) Security officers shall have sixty days from the date of the first work  
11 assignment to complete either an additional eight hours of classroom training or an  
12 approved curriculum-based training course under a licensed instructor, as prescribed  
13 by the board, and successfully pass a fifty-question test administered by the licensed  
14 instructor by achieving a minimum score of seventy percent who are registered in  
15 other states with licensing requirements similar to this state and law enforcement  
16 officers identified in this Section, may attend, prior to his first work assignment, four  
17 hours of board-required training consisting of Security Officer Standards and  
18 Training, or S.O.S.T, by a board-licensed instructor and successfully pass an  
19 examination.

20 (5) No more than ~~two~~ sixteen hours of the training requirements provided for  
21 in Paragraphs (1); and (2), ~~and (4)~~ of this Subsection may be conducted during a  
22 twenty-four-hour period.

23 \* \* \*

24 E. All classroom training required by this Chapter shall be administered by  
25 a licensed instructor who is approved by the board, meets the qualifications of an  
26 applicant as required by R.S. 37:3276(A)(1) through (6), and at least one of the  
27 following:

28 ~~(1) Is approved by the board.~~

29 ~~(2) Meets the qualifications of an applicant as required by R.S.~~  
30 ~~37:3276(A)(1) through (6);~~





1 (a) ~~Knowingly operating~~ Operating a private security business without  
2 ~~meeting~~ maintaining the insurance requirements as provided for in this Chapter.

3 (b) ~~Consistently~~ Repeatedly or deliberately operating a private security  
4 business in violation of the insurance requirements provided for in this Chapter.

5 (c) Submitting fraudulent documents to the board as required or requested  
6 by the board or causing to be submitted false, forged, fraudulent, or materially  
7 misleading documents or information to the board.

8 (d) Forgery of, altering, or falsifying any documentation or information  
9 submitted or required to be submitted to the board.

10 (e) Operating a private security business without obtaining the required  
11 firearms training or allowing personnel to operate in a capacity requiring firearms  
12 authorization without the required firearms training, certification, or qualification.

13 (2) Any person committing ~~any non-egregious acts in a non-egregious~~  
14 violation of this Chapter or any regulation or rule ~~issued thereunder~~ pursuant to this  
15 Chapter is subject to an administrative penalty of not more than one thousand dollars  
16 per violation per day. In lieu of a fine for a first-time, non-willful violation, the  
17 board may issue a written warning or require the violator to complete a corrective  
18 action plan within a prescribed time period.

19 B. The board, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, ~~may~~ and  
20 the division of administration shall adopt a schedule of administrative penalties and  
21 corrective actions for minor violations that can be assessed by the executive  
22 ~~secretary~~ director when the violator waives the right to an administrative hearing.

23 \* \* \*  
24 §3293. Cease and desist order; injunctive relief  
25 \* \* \*

26 C.(1) Upon a proper showing by the board that such person or firm has  
27 engaged in any activity, conduct, or practice prohibited by this Chapter, the court  
28 shall issue a temporary restraining order restraining the person or firm from engaging  
29 in unlawful activity, conduct, or practices pending the hearing on a preliminary  
30 injunction, and in due course a permanent injunction shall be issued after a hearing

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