

ACT No. 683

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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.

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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 (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 ~~for a period of~~ direct or indirect financial or business interest in any private security
2 business while employed or for five years thereafter.

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4 §3279. Approval, denial; procedure; appeals; prior qualifications

5 A. The procedure of the board in approving or denying an application shall
6 be as follows:

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8 (3)(a) If the grounds for denial are subject to correction by the applicant, the
9 notice of denial shall so state and the applicant shall be given ten days after receipt
10 of such notice or, upon application, a reasonable additional period of time within
11 which to make the required correction.

12 (b) If the application is denied, the applicant, within thirty days after receipt
13 of notice of denial from the board, may request a hearing on the denial, pursuant to
14 R.S. 37:3279.1. ~~Within ten days after the filing of such request for hearing by the~~
15 ~~applicant, the board shall schedule a hearing to be held after due notice to the~~
16 ~~applicant. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Administrative~~
17 ~~Procedure Act.~~

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19 §3279.1. Appeals; hearings; procedures; due process

20 A. The board shall conduct all adjudicatory proceedings in accordance with
21 the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and the provisions of this
22 Chapter.

23 B. The board shall communicate to the applicant or licensee all denials,
24 suspensions, orders, administrative penalties, and revocations in writing.

25 C. Upon written notice of adverse or disciplinary action from the board, the
26 applicant or licensee has the right to elect to file a hearing with the board or the
27 division of administrative law within thirty days from the receipt of the notice.

28 (1) If the applicant or licensee elects to have a hearing by the board and does
29 not prevail, the ruling of the board may be appealable with the division of
30 administrative law.

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.

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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.

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24 §3293. Cease and desist order; injunctive relief
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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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