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HOUSE BILL NO. 551

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3276(F) and (G), 3278, and 3284(B)(1) (introductory  
3 paragraph), (a) through (d), and (4) and (D)(2) and to enact R.S. 37:3284(B)(5) and  
4 3299, relative to the Private Security Regulatory and Licensing Law; to make  
5 changes to when a person in the private security business can solicit business; to  
6 require all applicants to successfully pass an examination; to provide relative to  
7 training requirements; to require reports to be filed by certain persons upon  
8 discharging a weapon; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 37:3276(F) and (G), 3278, and 3284(B)(1)(introductory paragraph),  
11 (a) through (d), and (4) and (D)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
12 37:3284(B)(5) and 3299 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §3276. Qualifications of licensee

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15 ~~F. Every person in the private security business shall apply to the board for~~  
16 ~~a license prior to operating a business or soliciting business in Louisiana.~~

17 ~~G.~~ An applicant or qualifying agent for a security business shall have three  
18 years consecutive experience as an employee, manager, or owner of a security  
19 company, or three years experience as a law enforcement officer with any federal,  
20 state, local, or United States military law enforcement agency.



1 board, and successfully pass a fifty question test administered by the licensed  
2 instructor by achieving a minimum score of seventy percent.

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

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7 D.

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9 (2) Upon a registrant's completion of any training required, the ~~licensee or~~  
10 ~~employer, as the case may be,~~ licensed instructor shall furnish to the board a  
11 documented training verification form of such completion signed by a licensed  
12 instructor within fifteen calendar days from the training.

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14 §3299. Discharge of firearms

15 A. An employee of a security company who discharges a weapon while on  
16 duty or traveling to or from duty shall complete and file a board provided weapons  
17 discharge report with the board within seventy-two hours of discharging the weapon.

18 B. An instructor or trainee who discharges a weapon for any other reason  
19 than range qualification during firearms training and range qualifications shall  
20 complete and file a board provided weapons discharge report with the board within  
21 seventy-two hours of discharging the weapon.

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DIGEST

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

Present law provides that every person in the private security business shall 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 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, shall complete 8 hours classroom training under a licensed instructor and successfully pass an examination on the prescribed material which shall include the following topics:

- (a) Orientation to R.S. 37:3270 through 3298 and the board's rules and regulations: 2 hours.
- (b) Legal powers and limitations of a security officer: 2 hours.
- (c) Emergency procedures: 2 hours.
- (d) General duties/field notes/report writing: 2 hours.

Proposed law provides that any security officer employed shall complete, within 30 days of his first work assignment, either eight hours classroom training or an approved curriculum based training course under a licensed instructor and successfully pass an examination on the prescribed material which shall include the topics listed in present law.

Proposed law removes the 2 hours requirement from the topics listed in present law.

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

Proposed law provides that no more than 2 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, shall 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 provides that upon a registrant's completion of any training required, the licensed instructor, rather than the licensee or employer, shall 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 provides that an employee of a security company who discharges a weapon while on duty or traveling to or from duty shall complete and file a board provided weapons discharge report with the board within 72 hours of discharging the weapon.

Proposed law provides that an instructor or trainee who discharges a weapon for any other reason than range qualification during firearms training and range qualifications shall 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)