
DIGEST

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HB No. 551

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)