

Prior law required every person in the private security business to apply to the La. State Board for Private Security Examiners (board) for a license, prior to operating a business or soliciting business in La.

New law removes prior law and provides that an applicant is prohibited from soliciting or operating a private security business in the state of La. prior to being issued a license from the board.

Existing law requires an applicant or qualifying agent for a security business to have three years of consecutive experience as an employee, manager, or owner of a security company, or three years of experience as a law enforcement officer with any federal, state, local, or U.S. military law enforcement agency.

Under existing law, the board requires an applicant to take a written examination that tests certain knowledge and abilities of the applicant seeking licensure for the practice of private security.

New law adds 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.

Prior law required any employed security officer, within 30 days of his first work assignment, to complete eight hours of classroom training under a licensed instructor and successfully pass an examination on the prescribed material which includes the following topics:

- (1) Orientation to R.S. 37:3270 through 3299 and the board's rules and regulations: two hours.
- (2) Legal powers and limitations of a security officer: two hours.
- (3) Emergency procedures: two hours.
- (4) General duties/field notes/report writing: two hours.

New law removes the two hour requirement for each topic of course content. Further, new law adds the option for an employed security officer, within 30 days of his first work assignment, to complete an approved curriculum-based training course under a licensed instructor and successfully pass an examination on the prescribed material which includes the topics listed in existing law.

Prior law required any security officer, within 60 days of his first work assignment, to complete an additional eight hours of classroom training under a licensed instructor, as prescribed by the board, and successfully pass a 50-question examination administered by the licensed instructor by achieving a minimum score of 70%.

New law adds the option for an employed security officer, within 60 days of his first work assignment, to complete an approved curriculum-based training course under a licensed instructor, as prescribed by the board, and successfully pass a 50-question examination administered by the licensed instructor by achieving a minimum score of 70 %.

New law provides that no more than two of the training requirements as described in both existing law and new law may be conducted during a 24-hour period.

Prior law provided that upon a registrant's completion of any training required, the licensee or employer, as the case may be, is required to furnish to the board a documented training verification form of such completion signed by a licensed instructor within 15 calendar days from the training.

New law changes prior law by removing the board's option to require an employer to furnish to the board a documented training verification form of the registrant's training completion as prescribed in existing law.

New law requires an employee of a security company who discharges a weapon while on duty or traveling to or from duty to complete and file a board-provided weapons discharge report with the board within 72 hours of discharging the weapon.

New law requires an instructor or trainee who discharges a weapon for any other reason than range qualification during firearms training and range qualifications to complete and file a board-provided weapons discharge report with the board within 72 hours of discharging the weapon.

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(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)