General Assembly

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Refereed to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO CERTAIN STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 29-161q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2013):

(c) [Upon] Not later than two years after successful completion of the training required pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the applicant may submit an application for a license as a security officer on forms furnished by the commissioner and, under oath, shall give the applicant's name, address, date and place of birth, employment for the previous five years, experience in the position applied for, any convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the commissioner may require, by regulation, to properly investigate the character, competency and integrity of the applicant. Applicants shall submit with their application two sets of fingerprints of the employee and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection...
shall require any applicant for a license under this section to submit to
state and national criminal history records checks conducted in
accordance with section 29-17a. Applicants shall submit with their
application two sets of their fingerprints and two full-face photographs
of them, two inches wide by two inches high, taken not earlier than six
months prior to the date of application, and a one-hundred-dollar
licensing fee, made payable to the state. Subject to the provisions of
section 46a-80, no person shall be approved for a license who has been
convicted of a felony, any sexual offense or any crime involving moral
turpitude, or who has been refused a license under the provisions of
sections 29-161g to 29-161x, inclusive, for any reason except minimum
experience, or whose license, having been granted, has been revoked
or is under suspension. Upon being satisfied of the suitability of the
applicant for licensure, the commissioner may license the applicant as
a security officer. Such license shall be renewed every five years for a
one-hundred-dollar fee.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 17a-115a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
October 1, 2013):

(c) No later than [fifteen] five calendar days after the date such
name-based search is performed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
section, the department shall request the State Police Bureau of
Identification to perform a state and national criminal history records
check in accordance with section 29-17a of any person residing in the
home. Such criminal history records checks shall be deemed as
required by this section for purposes of [said] section 29-17a and the
department may request that such records checks be performed in
accordance with subsection (c) of section 29-17a. The results of such
criminal history records checks shall be provided to the department. If
any person refuses to provide fingerprints or other positive identifying
information for purposes of such checks when requested, the
department shall immediately remove the child from the home.
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To establish a timeframe in which an applicant for a license as a security officer must successfully complete the required training and to shorten the timeframe in which the Department of Children and Families must request the performance of a criminal history records check on a person residing in a home where a child has been placed on an emergency basis.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]