



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 370

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY
PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS PRIOR TO REGISTRATION AND
SECURITY GUARDS PRIOR TO LICENSURE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-156a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Any licensee may employ as many private investigators as such
4 licensee deems necessary for the conduct of such licensee's business,
5 provided such employees shall be of good moral character and at least
6 eighteen years of age.

7 (b) Immediately upon hiring a private investigator, the licensee shall
8 apply to register such employee with the Commissioner of Emergency
9 Services and Public Protection. Such application shall be made on forms
10 furnished by the commissioner, and, under oath of the employee, shall
11 give the employee's name, address, date and place of birth, employment
12 for the past five years, experience in the position applied for, any
13 convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the
14 commissioner may require, by regulation, to properly investigate the
15 character, competency and integrity of the employee.

16 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection

17 shall require any applicant for registration under this section to submit
18 to state and national criminal history records checks conducted in
19 accordance with section 29-17a. The application for registration shall be
20 accompanied by two sets of fingerprints of the employee and two full-
21 face photographs of the employee, two inches wide by two inches high,
22 taken no earlier than six months prior to the date of application for
23 registration, and a forty-dollar registration fee payable to the state.
24 Subject to the provisions of section 46a-80, no person shall be registered
25 who has been convicted of a felony, any sexual offense or any crime
26 involving moral turpitude, or who has been refused a license under the
27 provisions of this chapter for any reason except lack of minimum
28 experience, or whose license, having been granted, has been revoked or
29 is under suspension. The commissioner shall register all qualified
30 employees and so notify the licensee and place the registration form and
31 all related material on file with the Division of State Police within the
32 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

33 (d) A licensee may employ an individual to perform the duties of a
34 private investigator while such individual's application for registration
35 pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section is pending, provided
36 the licensee conducts, or has a consumer reporting agency regulated
37 under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act conduct, a state and national
38 criminal history records check and determines the applicant meets the
39 requirements of subsection (c) of this section for registration as a private
40 investigator. Such individual shall cease to perform such duties
41 pursuant to this subsection when the commissioner grants or denies the
42 pending application for registration.

43 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The licensee shall notify the commissioner not later than five
44 days after the termination of employment of any registered employees.

45 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) Any person, firm or corporation that violates any provision of
46 this section shall be fined seventy-five dollars for each offense. Each
47 distinct violation of this section shall be a separate offense and, in the
48 case of a continuing violation, each day thereof shall be deemed a
49 separate offense.

50 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 29-161q of the 2022 supplement to the
51 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
52 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

53 (h) During the time that an application for a license as a security
54 officer is pending with the commissioner, the applicant may perform the
55 duties of security officer, provided (1) the security service employing
56 the applicant conducts, or has a consumer reporting agency regulated
57 under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act conduct, a state and national
58 criminal history records check and determines the applicant meets the
59 requirements of subsection (c) of this section to be a security officer, (2)
60 the applicant [(A)] successfully completed the training required
61 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or obtained a waiver of such
62 training, [and (B) performs the duties of a security officer under the
63 direct on-site supervision of a licensed security officer with at least one
64 year of experience as a licensed security officer,] and (3) the applicant
65 has not been decertified as a police officer or otherwise had his or her
66 certification canceled, revoked or refused renewal pursuant to
67 subsection (c) of section 7-294d or under the laws of any other
68 jurisdiction. The applicant shall not perform such duties at a public or
69 private preschool, elementary or secondary school or at a facility
70 licensed and used exclusively as a child care center, as described in
71 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 19a-77. The applicant shall
72 cease to perform such duties pursuant to this subsection when the
73 commissioner grants or denies the pending application for a security
74 license under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	29-156a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	29-161q(h)

PS Joint Favorable Subst.