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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 22 (Detectives and Private Police) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, amending the heading of  
3 Title 22 and 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3; codifying and making extensive  
4 revisions to The Private Detective Act of 1953; codifying the  
5 Lethal Weapons Training Act; further providing for the  
6 definition of "privately employed agents"; providing for the  
7 continuation of certain licenses; making an appropriation;  
8 and making related repeals.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The heading of Title 22 of the Pennsylvania  
12 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

13 TITLE 22

14 [DETECTIVES AND PRIVATE POLICE]

15 PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SECURITY PROFESSIONALS, FUGITIVE RECOVERY  
16 AGENTS, PRIVATE POLICE AND LETHAL WEAPONS

17 Section 2. Chapter 3 of Title 22 is amended to read:

18 [CHAPTER 3

19 DETECTIVES

20 (RESERVED)]

1 Section 3. Title 22 is amended by adding chapters to read:

2 CHAPTER 3

3 PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, SECURITY PROFESSIONALS

4 AND FUGITIVE RECOVERY AGENTS

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30 § 301. Scope of chapter.

1 This chapter relates to private investigators, security  
2 professionals and fugitive recovery agents.

3 § 302. Declaration of policy.

4 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

5 (1) The practice of private investigators and security  
6 professionals has been regulated at a county level, which has  
7 resulted in inconsistent regulation on a Statewide basis.

8 (2) The practice of fugitive recovery agents has  
9 essentially been unregulated in this Commonwealth.

10 (3) Reasonable Statewide regulation of these professions  
11 is in furtherance of public health, safety and welfare  
12 interests.

13 (4) Statewide regulation is necessary to set standards  
14 of conduct for each of these professions and to protect the  
15 public from unprincipled practitioners.

16 (5) Consumer protection with respect to both health and  
17 economic matters will be afforded the public through the  
18 regulation and associated legal remedies provided for in this  
19 chapter.

20 § 303. Definitions.

21 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
22 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
23 context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 "Account." The Professional Licensure Augmentation Account.

25 "Applicant." An individual who applies for any license under  
26 this chapter. The term does not include an individual renewing a  
27 license under section 308 (relating to license renewal).

28 "Board." The State Board of Private Investigators, Security  
29 Professionals and Fugitive Recovery Agents established in  
30 section 304 (relating to board).

1 "Bureau." The Bureau of Professional and Occupational  
2 Affairs.

3 "Categories of licenses." Private investigator licenses,  
4 security professional licenses and fugitive recovery agent  
5 licenses.

6 "CPIN-compatible." Compatible with the Commonwealth Photo  
7 Imaging Network.

8 "Fugitive recovery agent."

9 (1) An individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
10 liability company or other legal entity which for a fee  
11 primarily engages in one or more of the following:

12 (i) Fugitive recovery.

13 (ii) Bail enforcement.

14 (iii) Bail recovery.

15 (iv) Investigation as to the location or whereabouts  
16 of any person who has failed to appear in any Federal or  
17 State court of law, when required by law, or has failed  
18 to answer any criminal charge or subpoena, when required  
19 by law.

20 (v) Assistance in the apprehension, arrest,  
21 detention, confinement, surrender or securing of a person  
22 described in subparagraph (iv).

23 (vi) Surveillance of a person described in  
24 subparagraph (iv).

25 (2) The term does not include any individual excluded  
26 from this chapter by section 324 (relating to exclusions).

27 "License." Any license to practice as a private  
28 investigator, security professional or fugitive recovery agent  
29 under this chapter.

30 "Licensee." An individual, corporation, partnership, limited

1 liability company or other legal entity who holds a license  
2 under this chapter.

3 "Private Detective Act of 1953." The former act of August  
4 21, 1953 (P.L.1273, No.361), known as The Private Detective Act  
5 of 1953.

6 "Private investigator."

7 (1) An individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
8 liability company or other legal entity which for a fee  
9 primarily engages in the investigation of any of the  
10 following activities:

11 (i) Crimes or wrongs done or threatened against an  
12 individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability  
13 company or other legal entity.

14 (ii) The identity, habits, conduct, movement,  
15 whereabouts, affiliations, association, transactions,  
16 reputation or character of any individual, group of  
17 individuals, association, organization, society,  
18 partnership, corporation, limited liability company or  
19 other legal entity.

20 (iii) The credibility of witnesses or other  
21 individuals.

22 (iv) The whereabouts of missing individuals.

23 (v) The location or recovery of lost or stolen  
24 property.

25 (vi) The cases or origins of or responsibility for  
26 fires or torts or losses, accidents, damage or injuries  
27 to personal or real property.

28 (vii) The conduct of employees, agents, contractors  
29 and subcontractors.

30 (viii) The securing of evidence for any civil or

1 criminal proceeding.

2 (2) The term does not include any individual excluded  
3 from this chapter by section 324 (relating to exclusions).  
4 "Security professional."

5 (1) An individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
6 liability company or other legal entity which for a fee  
7 primarily provides security guards, watchmen or private  
8 patrolmen for any individual, private corporation or other  
9 legal entity.

10 (2) The term does not include any individual excluded  
11 from this chapter by section 324 (relating to exclusions).  
12 "Serious misdemeanor." A criminal offense for which more  
13 than one year in prison can be imposed as a punishment.

14 § 304. Board.

15 (a) Establishment.--The State Board of Private  
16 Investigators, Security Professionals and Fugitive Recovery  
17 Agents is established as a board in the bureau.

18 (b) Membership.--The following shall be members of the  
19 board:

20 (1) The Commissioner of Professional and Occupational  
21 Affairs or a designee.

22 (2) The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police or a  
23 designee.

24 (3) The Attorney General or a designee.

25 (4) Five public members, who are residents of this  
26 Commonwealth, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and  
27 consent of a majority of the members elected to the Senate.  
28 At least one of the five public members must be an attorney  
29 whose practice primarily consists of representation of  
30 criminal defendants. At least one of the five public members

1 must be an attorney whose practice primarily consists of the  
2 representation of civil plaintiffs. At least one of five  
3 public members must be an attorney whose practice primarily  
4 consists of the representation of civil defendants. A person  
5 shall not be eligible for appointment under this paragraph if  
6 the person or any member of the person's immediate family, as  
7 defined under 65 Pa.C.S. § 1102 (relating to definitions),  
8 meets any of the following provisions:

9 (i) Is licensed under this chapter or the Private  
10 Detective Act of 1953.

11 (ii) Has, other than as a consumer, a financial  
12 interest in a business entity which engages in an  
13 activity licensed by this chapter.

14 (5) Nine professional members appointed by the Governor  
15 with the advice and consent of a majority of the members  
16 elected to the Senate. The professional members shall:

17 (i) be licensed under this chapter; and

18 (ii) include at least two licensees from each of the  
19 categories of licenses under this chapter.

20 (c) Initial appointments.--Notwithstanding the provisions of  
21 subsection (b) (4) and section 316 (relating to licensure of  
22 corporations and other legal entities), the following shall  
23 apply:

24 (1) Individuals licensed under the Private Detective Act  
25 of 1953 shall, until the expiration of the license, be  
26 qualified to serve as professional members of the board as  
27 representatives of private investigator licensees or security  
28 professional licensees under this chapter.

29 (2) Fugitive recovery agents who have been actively  
30 engaged in their profession and have a well-respected

1 reputation in the field shall, until July 1, 2010, be  
2 qualified to serve as professional members of the board as  
3 representatives of fugitive recovery agent licensees under  
4 this chapter.

5 (d) Terms.--All of the following shall apply to terms of  
6 members:

7 (1) Members under subsection (b) (1), (2) and (3) shall  
8 serve ex officio.

9 (2) Members under subsection (b) (4) shall serve initial  
10 terms as follows:

11 (i) One member shall be appointed for a term of two  
12 years.

13 (ii) Two members shall be appointed for a term of  
14 three years.

15 (iii) Two members shall be appointed for a term of  
16 four years.

17 (3) Members under subsection (b) (5) shall serve initial  
18 terms as follows:

19 (i) Three members shall be appointed for a term of  
20 two years.

21 (ii) Three members shall be appointed for a term of  
22 three years.

23 (iii) Three members shall be appointed for a term of  
24 four years.

25 (4) After the expiration of a term under paragraph (2)  
26 or (3), a subsequent term shall be for four years.

27 (5) A replacement for a member under subsection (b) (4)  
28 or (5) shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

29 (6) A member under subsection (b) (4) or (5) shall not be  
30 eligible for more than two consecutive terms.



1 (e) Procedure.--All of the following shall apply to board  
2 procedure:

3 (1) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a  
4 quorum. A member must participate at a meeting of the board  
5 in person or by teleconference for purposes of meeting a  
6 quorum.

7 (2) Voting must be direct; voting by proxy shall not be  
8 permitted.

9 (f) Organization.--All of the following shall apply to board  
10 organization:

11 (1) An organizational meeting of the board shall be held  
12 annually at which time the board shall elect from its  
13 membership a president, a vice president and a secretary, who  
14 shall serve for one year or until their successors are duly  
15 elected.

16 (2) If a vacancy in the office of president, vice  
17 president or secretary of the board occurs, the remaining  
18 members of the board shall fill the vacancy by election.

19 (g) Compensation.--Each member of the board under subsection  
20 (b) (4) or (5), when performing functions of the board, shall  
21 receive all of the following:

22 (1) A per diem fee of \$100 for each meeting the member  
23 attends in person. No member shall receive more than \$1,000  
24 of aggregate per diem fees in any calendar year.

25 (2) Reasonable travel, hotel and other necessary  
26 expenses, as set by regulation of the board.

27 (h) Meetings.--The board shall meet at least once every two  
28 months and at additional times as necessary to conduct the  
29 business of the board.

30 (i) Participation.--A member of the board under subsection

1 (b) (4) or (5) who fails to attend three consecutive meetings  
2 shall forfeit membership unless the president, upon written  
3 request from the member, finds that the member should be excused  
4 for good cause.

5 (j) Powers and duties.--The board shall have all of the  
6 following powers and duties to administer this chapter:

7 (1) To contract for the development of a licensing  
8 examination for each of the categories of licenses. The  
9 licensing examinations shall, at a minimum, test an  
10 applicant's knowledge of the laws of this Commonwealth and  
11 the United States which are applicable to the practice of  
12 that category of license.

13 (2) To develop applications and renewal applications for  
14 each of the categories of licenses.

15 (3) To promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to  
16 carry out the provisions of this chapter.

17 (4) To establish monetary penalties and fees for  
18 licenses, renewals, badges, pocket cards and other goods and  
19 services provided by the board to licensees. Initial fees  
20 shall be designed to recover the board's administrative  
21 costs. If the funds raised by penalties and fees under this  
22 chapter are not sufficient to meet the board's administrative  
23 costs over a two-year period, the board may promulgate  
24 regulations to increase those penalties and fees so that the  
25 projected funds will meet the board's projected costs.

26 (5) To enforce the laws of this Commonwealth relating to  
27 the practice of private investigators, security professionals  
28 and fugitive recovery agents and to instruct and require  
29 agents of the board to initiate appropriate proceedings for  
30 unauthorized and unlawful practice.

1       (6) To take disciplinary action as described in this  
2 chapter. In all disciplinary proceedings brought pursuant to  
3 this chapter, the board shall have the power to administer  
4 oaths, to summon witnesses and to compel the production of  
5 documents in accordance with law. Upon the failure of any  
6 person to appear or produce documents in accordance with the  
7 board's order, the board may take appropriate action in  
8 accordance with the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.  
9 164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, to enforce  
10 compliance.

11       (7) To take appropriate actions to initiate injunction  
12 and criminal prosecution proceedings in connection with the  
13 unlawful and unauthorized practice of private investigators,  
14 security professionals or fugitive recovery agents or other  
15 violations of this chapter. Injunction and criminal  
16 proceedings shall be instituted in accordance with the  
17 Commonwealth Attorneys Act.

18       (8) To keep a record of board proceedings.

19       (9) To keep a record of applications and renewal  
20 applications, including a copy of all materials submitted  
21 with applications and renewal applications.

22       (10) To keep records relating to all licensees directly  
23 related to the practice of private investigators, security  
24 professionals and fugitive recovery agents.

25       (11) To maintain an up-to-date roster showing the names  
26 and business addresses of licensees. The roster shall be made  
27 available to the public upon request and shall be posted on  
28 the Internet.

29       (12) To establish a system which assures that licensees  
30 receive timely information from the board regarding issues

1 affecting the practice and regulation of their license. The  
2 system shall include the mailing of a renewal application  
3 under section 308 (relating to license renewal) to each  
4 licensee at the most recent address in the records of the  
5 board.

6 (13) To design badges and pocket cards for each of the  
7 categories of licenses.

8 (14) To approve badge designs submitted by a security  
9 professional for use by employees of that security  
10 professional.

11 (15) To conduct criminal history record checks as  
12 provided in section 317 (relating to criminal history record  
13 check).

14 (16) To develop and administer a mandatory continuing  
15 professional education program for each of the categories of  
16 licenses. The continuing professional education program shall  
17 consist of at least 12 hours of mandatory continuing  
18 education for each licensee during each two-year license  
19 period.

20 (17) To develop and enforce rules of professional  
21 conduct for each of the categories of licenses.

22 (18) To develop standards and practices, in  
23 circumstances where an employee of the board has safety  
24 concerns, to request aid from the chief law enforcement  
25 officer, as defined under 42 Pa.C.S. § 8951 (relating to  
26 definitions), of the political subdivision where any bureau,  
27 agency, office or branch office of a licensee is located.

28 (19) To issue licenses, renew licenses, reinstate  
29 licenses, refuse to renew, suspend and revoke licenses as  
30 provided under this chapter.

1           (20) To develop standards for the training and  
2           professional development of employees by licensees.

3 § 305. Deposit of funds.

4           Fees and penalties collected under this chapter shall be paid  
5 into the account and used by the bureau and the board to  
6 administer this chapter.

7 § 306. Licensure.

8           (a) Requirement.--Except as set forth in section 324  
9 (relating to exclusions), all of the following shall apply:

10           (1) A private investigator's license is required in  
11 order to practice as a private investigator.

12           (2) A security professional's license is required in  
13 order to practice as a security professional.

14           (3) A fugitive recovery agent's license is required in  
15 order to practice as a fugitive recovery agent after July 1,  
16 2009.

17           (b) Employees.--A licensee may employ individuals to assist  
18 the licensee. Nothing in this chapter shall require an employee  
19 of a licensee to obtain a license.

20           (c) Qualifications.--All applicants for any license under  
21 this chapter must meet all of the following:

22           (1) Be at least 25 years of age.

23           (2) Be a United States citizen.

24           (3) Be of good moral character.

25           (4) Not be addicted to the habitual use of alcohol,  
26 narcotics or other habit-forming drugs.

27           (5) Have a criminal history which does not include any  
28 of the offenses listed under section 318 (relating to  
29 prohibition).

30           (6) Qualify by successful completion of a professional

1 licensing examination for the category of license which is  
2 the subject of the application.

3 (d) Additional qualifications.--An applicant for a specific  
4 license shall meet the following specific additional  
5 qualifications:

6 (1) In addition to the other requirements of this  
7 chapter, a private investigator license shall not be issued  
8 unless the applicant for the license has held one or more of  
9 the following positions for a period of at least three years  
10 and was not separated from the position for a period of more  
11 than five years from the time of application:

12 (i) Worked as an investigator as a member of the  
13 Pennsylvania State Police.

14 (ii) Worked as an investigator as a member of a  
15 state, county or municipal police force.

16 (iii) Worked as an investigator as a member of a  
17 United States or state investigative service.

18 (iv) Worked full time as a private investigator  
19 licensed under the Private Detective Act of 1953.

20 (v) Worked full time under the direction of a  
21 private investigator who is or was licensed under this  
22 chapter or under the Private Detective Act of 1953.

23 (vi) Worked full time as an investigator or in a  
24 similar capacity for an insurance company in a special  
25 investigation unit.

26 (vii) Worked full time as an attorney or an  
27 investigator for an attorney or law firm.

28 (viii) Worked full time as an investigator for a  
29 common carrier or any entity regulated by the  
30 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

1           (ix) Has other investigative or investigative  
2           support experience that the board finds relevant to the  
3           activities of a private investigator.

4           (2) In addition to the other requirements of this  
5           chapter, a security professional license shall not be issued  
6           unless the applicant for the license has held one or more of  
7           the following positions for a period of at least three years  
8           and was not separated from the position for a period of more  
9           than five years from the time of application:

10           (i) Worked as a member of the Pennsylvania State  
11           Police.

12           (ii) Worked as a member of a state, county or  
13           municipal police force.

14           (iii) Worked as a sheriff or deputy sheriff.

15           (iv) Worked as a member of a Federal or state  
16           investigative service.

17           (v) Worked full time under the direction of a  
18           security professional who is or was licensed under this  
19           chapter.

20           (vi) Worked full time as a private investigator  
21           licensed under the Private Detective Act of 1953.

22           (vii) Worked full time under the direction of a  
23           private investigator who was licensed under the Private  
24           Detective Act of 1953.

25           (viii) Has other security or security support  
26           experience that the board finds relevant to the  
27           activities of a security professional.

28           (3) In addition to the other requirements of this  
29           chapter, a fugitive recovery agent license shall not be  
30           issued unless the applicant for the license has held one or

1 more of the following positions for a period of at least  
2 three years and was not separated from the position for a  
3 period of more than five years from the time of application:

4 (i) Worked as a member of the Pennsylvania State  
5 Police.

6 (ii) Worked as a member of a state, county or  
7 municipal police force.

8 (iii) Worked as a sheriff or deputy sheriff.

9 (iv) Worked as a constable or deputy constable  
10 certified to perform judicial duties under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch.  
11 29 Subch. C (relating to constables).

12 (v) Worked as a member of a state or United States  
13 investigative service.

14 (vi) Worked full time under the direction of a  
15 fugitive recovery agent who is or was licensed under this  
16 chapter.

17 (vii) Has other fugitive recovery or related  
18 experience that the board finds relevant to the  
19 activities of a fugitive recovery agent.

20 (viii) Worked as a fugitive recovery agent prior to  
21 July 1, 2010. This subparagraph shall expire July 1,  
22 2015.

23 (e) Education and part-time work experience.--The board may  
24 allow an applicant for any category of license under subsection  
25 (d) to do any of the following:

26 (1) Substitute up to one year of relevant educational  
27 experience for work experience required of an applicant under  
28 subsection (d).

29 (2) Aggregate part-time work experience to reach the  
30 minimum three years of the full-time employment requirement



1 for an applicant under subsection (d).

2 (f) Application process.--An individual, corporation,  
3 partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity  
4 intending to be a licensee shall apply for a license as set  
5 forth in this chapter. Applicants shall do all of the following:

6 (1) File an application and accompanying information as  
7 described in subsection (g).

8 (2) Pay a fee as established by regulation of the board.

9 (3) Sit for an examination prepared and administered by  
10 a third party approved by the board.

11 (g) Application and accompanying information.--An  
12 application shall require the applicant to provide all of the  
13 following:

14 (1) The applicant's full name, aliases, current and  
15 previous occupations and information which demonstrates  
16 compliance with the specific additional qualifications under  
17 subsection (d) for that category of license.

18 (2) The applicant's date of birth, as evidenced by a  
19 birth certificate or other documentation approved by the  
20 board.

21 (3) The applicant's residences since 18 years of age or  
22 for the last 15 years, whichever period of time is shorter.

23 (4) Two current CPIN-compatible photographs.

24 (5) A statement whether the applicant applying for a  
25 license intends to practice as an individual, corporation,  
26 partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity.  
27 If the applicant intends to practice as a corporation,  
28 partnership, limited liability company or legal entity other  
29 than an individual, the applicant shall identify all  
30 principals of that entity and shall also provide all of the

1 following:

2 (i) The name and appropriate credentials of the  
3 qualifying officer.

4 (ii) The name and principal business address of that  
5 entity.

6 (iii) The articles of incorporation, partnership  
7 agreement, certificate of organization or similar  
8 governing document.

9 (iv) The name and address of all shareholders or  
10 other owners of the corporation, partnership, limited  
11 liability company or other legal entity.

12 (6) The location of each bureau, agency, office or  
13 branch office.

14 (7) The applicant's signature.

15 (8) Two full sets of the applicant's fingerprints for  
16 use in conducting a criminal history record check as provided  
17 in section 317 (relating to criminal history record check).

18 (9) The payment of a bond and submission of proof of  
19 insurance as required in section 315 (relating to bond and  
20 insurance).

21 (10) Any other information which the board deems  
22 appropriate.

23 (h) Issuance of license.--

24 (1) The board shall conduct an investigation of an  
25 applicant's fitness for licensure if the applicant has met  
26 all of the following:

27 (i) Completed the application process under  
28 subsection (f).

29 (ii) Been found to meet all of the qualifications in  
30 subsection (c).

1           (iii) Been found to meet the additional  
2           qualifications for the category of license in subsection  
3           (d).

4           (2) If the board is satisfied that the applicant is fit  
5           to practice, the board shall issue the applicant a license  
6           and duplicates as provided in section 307 (relating to form  
7           of license) and a pocket card and badge as provided in  
8           section 313 (relating to pocket cards and badges).

9           (i) Term of license.--The term of a license shall be two  
10          years. Renewal of a license shall be subject to section 308  
11          (relating to license renewal).

12          (j) Current law enforcement officers.--Individuals currently  
13          employed as a police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, probation  
14          or parole officer or member of a Federal or state investigative  
15          service shall not be:

16                (1) eligible for a license as a private investigator; or

17                (2) employed by a private investigator.

18          § 307. Form of license.

19          (a) Contents.--A license under this chapter shall contain  
20          all of the following:

21                (1) The full name and title of the licensee.

22                (2) The location of each bureau, agency, office or  
23          branch office for which the license was issued.

24                (3) The expiration date.

25                (4) Any other information deemed appropriate by the  
26          board.

27          (b) Duplicates.--A licensee shall, for a fee, be issued  
28          duplicate licenses for display in each bureau, agency, office or  
29          branch office included in the license application.

30          (c) Display.--A licensee shall post the license or a

1 duplicate in a conspicuous place in each bureau, agency, office  
2 or branch office.

3 (d) Expiration.--A licensee shall surrender the license and  
4 all duplicates to a designated location established by the board  
5 within 15 days of expiration or after receipt of notice that the  
6 license has been suspended or revoked by the board. A licensee  
7 who fails to comply with this subsection commits a misdemeanor  
8 of the third degree.

9 § 308. License renewal.

10 (a) General rule.--The following shall apply:

11 (1) The following may apply for a renewal of a license  
12 under this section:

13 (i) A licensee whose license will expire within six  
14 months of the date on the renewal application.

15 (ii) A licensee whose license has not been expired  
16 for more than six months on the date of renewal  
17 application.

18 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term  
19 "licensee" shall include any individual, corporation,  
20 partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity  
21 licensed under the Private Detective Act of 1953 on the  
22 effective date of this section who is applying for a license  
23 as a private investigator or security professional under this  
24 chapter prior to the expiration of the license under the  
25 Private Detective Act of 1953. The qualification by  
26 successful completion of a professional licensure examination  
27 in section 306(c)(6) (relating to licensure) and the required  
28 additional qualifications of section 306(d) shall not apply  
29 to a licensee under the Private Detective Act of 1953 who met  
30 the work experience requirements under section 4(a) of that

1 act and is applying for renewal of a license as a private  
2 investigator or security professional under this section.

3 (b) Renewal process.--A licensee applying for a renewal of a  
4 license shall do all of the following:

5 (1) File a renewal application with the board.

6 (2) Pay a bond and provide proof of insurance as  
7 required in section 315 (relating to bond and insurance).

8 (3) Pay a fee as established by regulation of the board.

9 (4) Provide two current CPIN-compatible photographs.

10 (5) Provide any other information which the board deems  
11 appropriate.

12 (c) Issuance of renewal license.--Once a licensee has  
13 completed the renewal process in subsection (b) and the board,  
14 after investigation, is satisfied that the licensee is fit to  
15 continue the practice of the license, the board shall issue the  
16 applicant a license as provided in section 307 (relating to form  
17 of license).

18 § 309. Change of residence or business location.

19 (a) Residence.--A licensee shall notify the board in writing  
20 within 15 days of the licensee's change of residence.

21 (b) Business location.--A licensee shall notify the board in  
22 writing within 15 days of the change of location of any bureau,  
23 agency, office or branch office. Notice shall include the new  
24 location of the bureau, agency, office or branch office and the  
25 date on which the change was effected.

26 (c) Notation on license and duplicates.--Pursuant to a  
27 change of business location under subsection (b), a licensee  
28 shall deliver the license and any duplicates to a designated  
29 location established by the board. The board shall, at its  
30 discretion, do one of the following:

1           (1) Note the change on the license and duplicates and  
2           return the license and duplicates to the licensee.

3           (2) Issue a new license and duplicates for the unexpired  
4           term of the license.

5 § 310. Expedited reciprocal licensing.

6           The board may, without examination, issue a license, pocket  
7           card and badge to any individual, corporation, partnership,  
8           limited liability company or other legal entity who is licensed  
9           in another state in the same category of license if all of the  
10           following apply:

11           (1) The individual or the officers of the corporation,  
12           partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity  
13           provide two full sets of fingerprints for the board to  
14           conduct a criminal history record check under section 317  
15           (relating to criminal history record check).

16           (2) The individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
17           liability company or other legal entity pays a bond and  
18           provides proof of insurance as required in section 315  
19           (relating to bond and insurance).

20           (3) The individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
21           liability company or other legal entity pays a fee as  
22           established by regulation of the board.

23           (4) The individual or the officers of the corporation,  
24           partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity  
25           provide two current CPIN-compatible photographs.

26           (5) The individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
27           liability company or other legal entity establishes a bureau,  
28           agency, office or branch office within this Commonwealth.

29           (6) The individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
30           liability company or other legal entity provides any other

1 information which the board deems appropriate.

2 (7) The standards for licensing in the other state are,  
3 in the board's opinion, sufficiently similar to the standards  
4 under this chapter.

5 (8) The other state will license or certify Pennsylvania  
6 licensees to practice in that state in a similar expedited  
7 fashion.

8 § 311. Employees.

9 (a) General rule.--A licensee may employ as many individuals  
10 as necessary to assist the licensee in the licensee's work. The  
11 licensee shall at all times during the employment be:

12 (1) responsible for the reasonable supervision, training  
13 and professional development of each employee; and

14 (2) accountable for the employee's conduct.

15 (b) Employee statement.--A prospective employee shall  
16 provide to the licensee all of the following:

17 (1) The prospective employee's full name, aliases,  
18 current and previous occupations and Social Security number.

19 (2) The prospective employee's date of birth, as  
20 evidenced by a birth certificate or other documentation  
21 approved by the board.

22 (3) The prospective employee's residences since 18 years  
23 of age or for the last 15 years, whichever period of time is  
24 shorter.

25 (4) Two current CPIN-compatible photographs.

26 (5) A statement indicating whether the employee has met  
27 the requirements of the act of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.  
28 235), known as the Lethal Weapons Training Act or Chapter 11  
29 (relating to lethal weapons training).

30 (6) A physical description.

1           (7) The prospective employee's signature.

2           (8) A statement indicating that the prospective employee  
3 has not been convicted of an offense listed in section 318(c)  
4 (relating to prohibition).

5           (9) Three full sets of the prospective employee's  
6 fingerprints. One set shall be kept on file by the licensee,  
7 and the other two shall be submitted to the board for use in  
8 conducting a criminal history record check as provided in  
9 section 317 (relating to criminal history record check).

10           (10) Any other information which the board deems  
11 appropriate.

12           (c) Duty of licensee.--A licensee shall do all of the  
13 following:

14           (1) Act with due diligence to reasonably verify the  
15 truthfulness of the employee statement.

16           (2) Promptly transmit two sets of the fingerprints  
17 provided pursuant to subsection (b)(9) to the board for use  
18 in conducting a criminal history record check as provided in  
19 section 317.

20           (3) Promptly transmit a CPIN-compatible photograph of  
21 the employee provided pursuant to subsection (b)(4) to the  
22 board for its use.

23           (4) Promptly transmit to the board any other information  
24 which the board deems appropriate.

25           (d) Duty of board.--The board shall promptly conduct a  
26 criminal history record check on the prospective employee as  
27 provided in section 317 and notify the licensee of the results.

28           (e) Penalties.--The following shall apply:

29           (1) A licensee who knowingly, recklessly or negligently  
30 hires an individual who fails to fill out an employee



1 statement under subsection (b) or has been convicted of any  
2 offense listed in section 318(c) (relating to prohibition)  
3 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

4 (2) A licensee who knowingly, recklessly or negligently  
5 files the fingerprints of an individual other than the  
6 prospective employee in the prospective employee's name  
7 commits a misdemeanor of the third degree.

8 (3) A licensee who fails to adequately or accurately  
9 keep records of employees commits a misdemeanor of the third  
10 degree.

11 § 312. Private investigator employees.

12 Any employee of a private investigator who, except as  
13 provided by law, divulges information learned in that employee's  
14 capacity to anyone other than the private investigator or to an  
15 individual designated by the private investigator commits a  
16 misdemeanor of the third degree.

17 § 313. Pocket cards and badges.

18 (a) Licensees.--Upon payment of a fee by the licensee, the  
19 board shall issue the licensee a pocket card and a badge, which  
20 shall be numbered. The pocket card shall be of the size and  
21 design as the board shall designate and shall be  
22 nontransferable. At a minimum, the pocket card shall include all  
23 of the following:

24 (1) The licensee's name.

25 (2) The licensee's CPIN-compatible photograph.

26 (3) The licensee's business name, if different than the  
27 name under paragraph (1).

28 (4) Authenticity information such as license number,  
29 date of expiration and the official State seal.

30 (b) Employees.--If a prospective employee of a licensee has

1 not been prohibited from being hired due to a disqualifying  
2 criminal conviction, the board shall issue to the licensee a  
3 pocket card which contains the employee's CPIN-compatible  
4 photograph for use by the employee. If the licensee does not  
5 employ the prospective employee for any reason, the licensee  
6 shall return the pocket card to the board, which shall destroy  
7 the returned pocket card. Failure of the licensee to do any of  
8 the following shall constitute a summary offense:

9 (1) Return a pocket card.

10 (2) Notify the board of the licensee's inability to  
11 retrieve a pocket card from an employee.

12 (c) Renewal or replacement.--The following shall apply to  
13 pocket card or badges:

14 (1) After payment of a fee as set by the board, the  
15 board shall issue a licensee a new pocket card and badge or a  
16 new pocket card for an employee if any of the following  
17 apply:

18 (i) A pocket card or badge has been defaced,  
19 damaged, stolen or lost.

20 (ii) The licensee has not been issued a pocket card  
21 or badge or pocket cards for employees.

22 (2) The board may impose sanctions under section 321  
23 (relating to sanctions) upon a licensee who reports multiple  
24 or repeated lost or stolen pocket cards, badges or employee  
25 pocket cards.

26 (d) Holders of pocket cards and badges.--It shall be  
27 unlawful for a licensee or an employee of a licensee to lend or  
28 to transfer the pocket card or badge or to allow any other  
29 individual to use, wear or display a pocket card or badge. A  
30 licensee or employee who violates this subsection commits a

1 misdemeanor of the third degree.

2 § 314. Firearms.

3 Licensees and their employees shall be authorized to carry a  
4 lethal weapon in the course of their employment if they are in  
5 compliance with or are exempt from the requirements of the act  
6 of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.235), known as the Lethal  
7 Weapons Training Act or Chapter 11 (relating to lethal weapons  
8 training).

9 § 315. Bond and insurance.

10 (a) General rule.--An applicant for a license and licensees  
11 seeking renewal of a license shall deliver to the board a bond  
12 in an amount set by the board.

13 (b) Corporate surety.--A bond required under subsection (a)  
14 shall be written by a corporate surety company authorized to do  
15 business in this Commonwealth as a surety and shall be executed  
16 in the name of the Commonwealth.

17 (c) Proof of general liability insurance.--All applicants  
18 and licensees seeking renewal of licenses shall provide proof of  
19 general liability insurance in an amount set by the board, but  
20 not less than \$1,000,000.

21 (d) Proof of workers' compensation insurance.--All  
22 applicants for licenses and licensees seeking renewal of  
23 licenses shall provide proof of compliance with or exemption  
24 from the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the  
25 Workers' Compensation Act.

26 (e) Change of bond or insurance.--A licensee shall notify  
27 the board within 15 days of any change relating to a bond or  
28 insurance under this section.

29 (f) Loss of bond or insurance.--A licensee who fails to  
30 maintain a bond or insurance in an amount set by the board shall

1 immediately suspend activity pursuant to the license until a new  
2 bond or insurance is acquired.

3 (g) Deposit in lieu of bond and insurance.--Upon determining  
4 that a corporate surety bond as required by subsections (a) and  
5 (b) or general liability insurance as required by subsection (c)  
6 is not commercially available to a category of licensees, the  
7 board may accept from a licensee in that category, in lieu of  
8 bond or insurance, any of the following in an amount set by the  
9 board:

10 (1) A deposit of cash.

11 (2) A certified check.

12 (3) An irrevocable letter of credit.

13 (h) Amount of deposit.--When establishing an amount in lieu  
14 of general liability insurance under subsection (g), the board  
15 may do all of the following:

16 (1) Disregard the minimum amounts under subsection (c).

17 (2) Impose additional requirements as will, in the  
18 board's discretion, offer some assurance of recovery for an  
19 injured party.

20 § 316. Licensure of corporations and other legal entities.

21 (a) Licensing.--If a corporation, partnership, limited  
22 liability company or other legal entity other than a natural  
23 person applies for or has one or more categories of licenses  
24 under this chapter, the requirements of licensing for that  
25 category under this chapter, except the qualification by  
26 examination under section 306(c)(6) (relating to licensure) and  
27 the required additional qualifications of section 306(d), shall  
28 apply to the president, treasurer and secretary of the  
29 corporation or equivalent officers of a partnership, limited  
30 liability company or other legal entity. At least one officer,

1 known as a qualifying officer, shall meet one of the following  
2 requirements for each category of license:

3 (1) Fulfillment of the requirements of section 306(c) (6)  
4 and (d).

5 (2) Possession of the category of license under this  
6 chapter.

7 (3) Entitlement to apply for renewal pursuant to section  
8 308(a) (relating to license renewal) for that category of  
9 license held by the corporation, partnership, limited  
10 liability company or other legal entity.

11 (b) Qualifying officers.--Unless an officer of a  
12 corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other  
13 legal entity meets one of the following requirements, the  
14 officer shall not receive a pocket card or badge identifying the  
15 officer as a licensee under section 313(a) (relating to pocket  
16 cards and badges) or be eligible for appointment to the board as  
17 one of the professional members under section 304(b) (5)  
18 (relating to board):

19 (1) Fulfillment of the requirements of section 306(c) (6)  
20 and (d).

21 (2) Possession of a license under this chapter.

22 (3) Entitlement to apply for renewal pursuant to section  
23 308(a).

24 (c) Successors.--In case of death, resignation or removal of  
25 an officer of a corporation, partnership, limited liability  
26 company or other legal entity, all of the following shall apply:

27 (1) The successor officer must comply with this section.

28 (2) Notice must be provided in writing to the board  
29 regarding the death, resignation or removal.

30 (3) A copy of the minutes of any meeting of the board of

1 directors or similar body regarding the death, resignation or  
2 removal of an officer and designation of a successor must be  
3 provided to the board.

4 § 317. Criminal history record check.

5 (a) General rule.--The board shall conduct a criminal  
6 history record check, as provided under subsection (b), on each  
7 applicant for a license, each licensee applying for renewal and  
8 each employee of a licensee.

9 (b) Records check.--The board shall do all of the following:

10 (1) Obtain a report of criminal history record  
11 information from the central repository pursuant to 18  
12 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to criminal history record  
13 information).

14 (2) Submit a set of fingerprints to the Pennsylvania  
15 State Police to provide to the Federal Bureau of  
16 Investigation for Federal criminal history record information  
17 pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation appropriation  
18 of Title II of Public Law 92-544, 86 Stat. 1115. The board  
19 shall be the intermediary for the purposes of this paragraph.

20 (3) Conduct additional research concerning an  
21 applicant's, licensee's or employee's criminal history as the  
22 board deems necessary.

23 § 318. Prohibition.

24 (a) Applicant.--In no case shall a license be issued to an  
25 applicant or a renewal license issued to a licensee if the  
26 applicant's or licensee's criminal history record information  
27 indicates the applicant has been convicted of any offense under  
28 subsection (c).

29 (b) Licensee.--The board shall revoke the license of any  
30 licensee who is convicted of an offense under subsection (c).

1 (c) Prohibited offenses.--The following shall include  
2 prohibited offenses:

3 (1) An offense designated as a felony under the act of  
4 April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled  
5 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

6 (2) An offense designated as a felony or serious  
7 misdemeanor under one or more of the following provisions of  
8 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and offenses):

9 Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide).

10 Chapter 27 (relating to assault).

11 Chapter 29 (related to kidnapping).

12 Chapter 31 (relating to sexual offenses).

13 Section 3301 (relating to arson and related offenses).

14 Section 3502 (relating to burglary).

15 Chapter 37 (relating to robbery).

16 Chapter 39 (relating to theft and related offenses) where  
17 the offense is graded higher than a summary offense.

18 Chapter 41 (relating to forgery and fraudulent  
19 practices).

20 Chapter 43 (relating to offenses against the family).

21 Chapter 47 (relating to bribery and corrupt influence).

22 Chapter 49 (relating to falsification and intimidation).

23 Chapter 53 (relating to abuse of office).

24 Chapter 55 (relating to riot, disorderly conduct and  
25 related offenses).

26 Chapter 57 (relating to wiretapping and electronic  
27 surveillance).

28 Chapter 59 (relating to public indecency).

29 Chapter 61 (relating to firearms and other dangerous  
30 articles).

1 Chapter 63 (relating to minors).

2 (3) An offense designated as a felony or serious  
3 misdemeanor related to misconduct in public office, including  
4 tampering, bribery, making false statements or impersonation.

5 (4) A Federal or out-of-State offense similar in nature  
6 to those listed in paragraph (1), (2) or (3).

7 (5) An attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit any  
8 of the offenses listed in paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (4).

9 § 319. Title and utilization.

10 (a) Private investigator licensee.--A private investigator  
11 licensee has the right to use the title "private investigator"  
12 or "private detective" and the abbreviation "P.I."

13 (b) Security professional licensee.--A security professional  
14 licensee has the right to use the title "security professional."

15 (c) Fugitive recovery agent licensee.--A fugitive recovery  
16 agent licensee has the right to use the title "bounty hunter" or  
17 "fugitive recovery agent."

18 § 320. Rules of professional conduct.

19 (a) General rule.--The following constitute the rules of  
20 professional conduct for all licensees and employees:

21 (1) A licensee and all employees shall carry out the  
22 licensed practice with reasonable skill.

23 (2) A licensee and all employees shall not violate any  
24 regulation or order of the board.

25 (3) A licensee and all employees shall not practice or  
26 attempt to practice beyond a licensee's defined scope of  
27 practice.

28 (4) A licensee and all employees shall not knowingly  
29 aid, assist or provide advice to encourage the unlawful  
30 practice of a profession licensed under this chapter.



1       (5) A licensee and all employees shall not violate any  
2       other rule of professional conduct as promulgated by  
3       regulation of the board.

4       (b) Private investigator licensees.--A private investigator  
5       licensee or employee of the licensee who is asked to locate a  
6       person shall make a reasonable effort to determine the reason  
7       for the inquiry.

8       § 321. Sanctions.

9       (a) Discretionary.--The following shall apply to  
10       discretionary sanctions:

11       (1) If the board finds that a licensee has violated any  
12       of the rules of professional conduct, has engaged in any  
13       conduct prohibited by this chapter or has failed to fulfill  
14       any duties imposed by this chapter, the board may administer  
15       the following sanctions:

16               (i) Suspend enforcement of its finding and place a  
17               licensee on probation with the right to vacate the  
18               probationary order for noncompliance.

19               (ii) Administer a public reprimand.

20               (iii) Impose an administrative penalty of up to  
21               \$5,000.

22               (iv) Suspend the license.

23               (v) Revoke the license.

24       (2) The board may vacate a sanction if it determines  
25       that vacation is just and reasonable.

26       (b) Mandatory.--The following shall apply to mandatory  
27       sanctions:

28       (1) The board shall suspend a license if any of the  
29       following apply:

30               (i) The licensee is committed to an institution

1 because of mental incompetence from any cause.

2 (ii) The licensee is convicted of any prohibited  
3 offense as provided in section 318(c) (relating to  
4 prohibition).

5 (2) Automatic suspension under this subsection shall not  
6 be stayed pending any appeal of a conviction.

7 (c) Administrative agency law.--This section shall be  
8 subject to 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch A. (relating to practice and  
9 procedure of Commonwealth agencies) and Ch. 7 Subch. A (relating  
10 to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action).

11 (d) Return of license.--The board shall require a licensee  
12 whose license has been suspended or revoked to return the  
13 license as provided in section 307(d) (relating to form of  
14 license).

15 § 322. Injunction.

16 The board may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent  
17 jurisdiction to enjoin a person from committing any violation of  
18 this chapter. Relief under this section shall be in addition to  
19 and not in lieu of all remedies and penalties under sections 321  
20 (relating to sanctions), 323 (relating to unlawful acts) and  
21 other penalties or remedies provided for in this chapter.

22 § 323. Unlawful acts.

23 (a) Unlawful practice.--A person commits a misdemeanor of  
24 the second degree if the person does any of the following:

25 (1) Without being licensed, engages in the practice of  
26 one of the categories of license under this chapter.

27 (2) Falsely pretends to hold a license under this  
28 chapter with intent to induce another to submit to the  
29 pretended official authority or otherwise to act in reliance  
30 upon that pretense to the other's prejudice.

1           (3) Falsely pretends to be an employee of a licensee  
2 under this chapter with intent to induce another to submit to  
3 the pretended official authority or otherwise to act in  
4 reliance upon that pretense to the other's prejudice.

5           (4) Possesses a forged or counterfeit license, pocket  
6 card or badge in furtherance of paragraph (2) or (3).

7           (5) Performs any other action in furtherance of a false  
8 pretense under paragraph (2) or (3).

9           (b) Fraud.--A person who sells, fraudulently obtains or  
10 fraudulently furnishes a license, pocket card or badge commits a  
11 misdemeanor of the second degree.

12           (c) Unlawful use of title.--A person who uses a title or  
13 abbreviation in violation of section 319 (relating to title and  
14 utilization) commits a misdemeanor of the third degree.

15           (d) Penalties to be in addition to other penalties.--A  
16 penalty imposed under this section shall be in addition to other  
17 criminal penalties provided for in this chapter  
18 § 324. Exclusions.

19           (a) General rule.--Nothing in this chapter shall be  
20 construed as preventing, restricting or requiring licensure of  
21 an individual, while engaged in the official performance of his  
22 duties, who is in the exclusive employment of any of the  
23 following:

24           (1) The Federal Government.

25           (2) The Commonwealth or any of its political  
26 subdivisions.

27           (3) Any other state or political subdivision of a state,  
28 including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of  
29 Puerto Rico and the territories and possessions of the United  
30 States.

1 (b) Private investigator's license.--The following shall not  
2 be required to obtain a private investigator's license:

3 (1) An individual exclusively employed by a credit  
4 bureau whose responsibility is to collect information as to  
5 an individual's creditworthiness or financial condition,  
6 while engaged in the duties of such employment.

7 (2) An individual exclusively employed for one insurance  
8 company, while engaged in the duties of such employment, as  
9 an investigator in a special investigation unit or similar  
10 capacity.

11 (3) An attorney or an individual exclusively employed as  
12 an investigator for one attorney or law firm, while engaged  
13 in the duties of such employment.

14 (4) An individual in the exclusive employment of a  
15 common carrier subject to Federal regulation or regulation by  
16 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, while engaged in  
17 the duties of such employment.

18 (5) An individual in the exclusive employment of a  
19 telephone, telegraph or other telecommunications company  
20 subject to regulation by the Federal Communications  
21 Commission or the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,  
22 while engaged in the duties of such employment.

23 (6) An individual in the exclusive employment of a  
24 newspaper of general circulation while engaged in the duties  
25 of that employment.

26 (7) A license holder or corporation or other entity  
27 licensed as a private investigative agency in this  
28 Commonwealth under the Private Detective Act of 1953 before  
29 the effective date of this chapter, if the license has not  
30 expired.

1           (8) An employee of a licensee under paragraph (7).

2           (9) A holder of a license as a private investigator or  
3 private detective from another state or jurisdiction or an  
4 employee of the licensee, for the purpose of investigating a  
5 single case which originated in the state or jurisdiction  
6 where the license is held. The individual shall notify the  
7 board, as soon as practical, of the nature of the  
8 investigation.

9           (10) An employer, or a third party acting on behalf of  
10 an employer, conducting a background check upon an applicant  
11 or employee with the written consent of the applicant or  
12 employee. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term  
13 employer shall include any volunteer organization conducting  
14 a background check upon a volunteer or prospective volunteer.

15           (11) An individual who accesses public records without  
16 compensation or other remuneration.

17           (c) Security professional license.--An individual, while  
18 engaged in the official performance of the individual's duties,  
19 who is in the exclusive employment of a foreign government,  
20 shall not be required to obtain a security professional's  
21 license.

22           (d) Fugitive recovery agent's license.--The following shall  
23 not be required to obtain a fugitive recovery agent's license:

24           (1) A professional bondsman licensed under 42 Pa.C.S. §  
25 5743 (relating to issuance of license) or an employee of the  
26 bondsman.

27           (2) A fidelity or surety company which acts as surety on  
28 an undertaking under 42 Pa.C.S. § 5747 (relating to  
29 statements by fidelity or surety companies) or an employee of  
30 the fidelity or surety company.

1       (3) An individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
2 liability company or other legal entity licensed as a private  
3 investigator under this chapter or an employee of the  
4 licensee.

5       (4) An individual listed under subsection (b) (6) or (7).

6       (5) A holder of license as a bail bondsman, bounty  
7 hunter, fugitive recovery agent or similar license from  
8 another state or jurisdiction or employee of the licensee,  
9 for the purpose of capturing a fugitive who fled from the  
10 state or jurisdiction where the license is held. The  
11 individual shall, before attempting apprehension of the  
12 fugitive, notify both the board and the chief law enforcement  
13 officer, as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 8951 (relating to  
14 definitions), of the political subdivision where the fugitive  
15 is located.

16       (6) A holder of a license as a private investigator or  
17 private detective from another state or jurisdiction or  
18 employee of the licensee, for the purpose of capturing a  
19 fugitive who fled from the state or jurisdiction where the  
20 license is held. The individual shall, before attempting  
21 apprehension of the fugitive, notify both the board and the  
22 chief law enforcement officer, as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. §  
23 8951, of the political subdivision where the fugitive is  
24 located.

25       (7) A constable or deputy constable certified to perform  
26 judicial duties under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 29 Subch. C (relating to  
27 constables).

28       (e) Other exclusions.--The board may by regulation exclude  
29 other individuals or entities from the licensing requirements  
30 under this chapter.

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15 § 1101. Legislative findings and purpose.

16 The following shall apply:

17 (1) The General Assembly finds that there are private  
18 detectives, investigators, watchmen, security guards,  
19 patrolmen and fugitive recovery agents, privately employed  
20 within this Commonwealth who carry and use lethal weapons,  
21 including firearms, as an incidence of their employment and  
22 that there have been various tragic incidents involving these  
23 individuals which occurred because of unfamiliarity with the  
24 handling of weapons. The General Assembly also finds that  
25 there is presently no training required for privately  
26 employed agents in the handling of lethal weapons or in the  
27 knowledge of law enforcement and the protection of rights of  
28 citizens, and that the training would be beneficial to the  
29 safety of the citizens of this Commonwealth.

30 (2) It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the

1 education, training and certification of privately employed  
2 agents who, as an incidence to their employment, carry lethal  
3 weapons through a program administered or approved by the  
4 Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police.

5 § 1102. Definitions.

6 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
7 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
8 context clearly indicates otherwise:

9 "Commissioner." The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State  
10 Police.

11 "Full-time police officer." Any employee of a city, borough,  
12 town, township or county police department assigned to law  
13 enforcement duties who works a minimum of 200 days per year. The  
14 term does not include persons employed to check parking meters  
15 or to perform only administrative duties, nor does it include  
16 auxiliary and fire police.

17 "Lethal weapons." The term includes firearms and other  
18 weapons calculated to produce death or serious bodily harm. A  
19 concealed billy club is a lethal weapon. Chemical mace or any  
20 similar substance shall not be considered as "lethal weapons"  
21 for the purposes of this chapter.

22 "Privately employed agents." Any person employed for the  
23 purpose of providing watch guard, protective patrol, fugitive  
24 recovery, bail enforcement, bail recovery, detective or criminal  
25 investigative services either for another for a fee or for the  
26 person's employer. The term includes any licensee or employee of  
27 a licensee, under Chapter 3 (relating to private investigators,  
28 security professionals and fugitive recovery agents) and a  
29 police officer of a municipal authority. The term shall not  
30 include Federal, State or local government employees or those



1 police officers commissioned by the Governor under the former  
2 act of February 27, 1865 (P.L.225, No.228), entitled "An act  
3 empowering railroad companies to employ police force" or Chapter  
4 33 (relating to railroad and street railway police).

5 "Program." The education and training program established  
6 and administered or approved by the Commissioner of Pennsylvania  
7 State Police in accordance with this chapter.

8 § 1103. Education and training program.

9 (a) Establishment.--An education and training program in the  
10 handling of lethal weapons, law enforcement and protection of  
11 rights of citizens shall be established and administered or  
12 approved by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions  
13 of this chapter.

14 (b) Requirement.--All privately employed agents, except  
15 those who have been granted a waiver from compliance with this  
16 chapter by the commissioner who, as an incidence to their  
17 employment, carry a lethal weapon shall be required to attend  
18 the program established by subsection (a) in accordance with the  
19 requirements or regulations established by the commissioner and,  
20 upon satisfactory completion of the program, shall be entitled  
21 to certification by the commissioner.

22 (c) Alternate programs prohibited.--Except for colleges and  
23 universities, no nongovernment employer of a privately employed  
24 agent who, as an incidence to the privately employed agent's  
25 employment, carries a lethal weapon, shall own, operate or  
26 otherwise participate in, directly or indirectly, the  
27 establishment or administration of the program established by  
28 subsection (a).

29 § 1104. Powers and duties of commissioner.

30 The commissioner shall have the power and duty to do all of

1 the following:

2 (1) To implement and administer or approve the minimum  
3 courses of study and training for the program in the handling  
4 of lethal weapons, law enforcement and protection of the  
5 rights of citizens.

6 (2) To implement and administer or approve physical and  
7 psychological testing and screening of the candidate for the  
8 purpose of barring from the program those not physically or  
9 mentally fit to handle lethal weapons. Candidates who are  
10 full-time police officers and have successfully completed a  
11 physical and psychological examination as a prerequisite to  
12 employment or to continued employment by their local police  
13 departments or who have been continuously employed as full-  
14 time police officers since June 18, 1974, shall not be  
15 required to undergo any physical or psychological testing and  
16 screening procedures implemented under this paragraph.

17 (3) To issue certificates of approval to schools  
18 approved by the commissioner and to withdraw certificates of  
19 approval from those schools disapproved by the commissioner.

20 (4) To certify instructors pursuant to the minimum  
21 qualifications established by the commissioner.

22 (5) To consult and cooperate with universities,  
23 colleges, community colleges and institutes for the  
24 development of specialized courses in handling lethal  
25 weapons, law enforcement and protection of the rights of  
26 citizens.

27 (6) To consult and cooperate with departments and  
28 agencies of this Commonwealth and other states and the  
29 Federal Government concerned with similar training.

30 (7) To certify those individuals who have satisfactorily

1 completed basic educational and training requirements as  
2 established by the commissioner and to issue appropriate  
3 certificates to those persons.

4 (8) To visit and inspect approved schools at least once  
5 a year.

6 (9) In the event that the commissioner implements and  
7 administers a program, to collect reasonable charges from the  
8 students enrolled therein to pay for the costs of the  
9 program.

10 (10) To make rules and regulations and to perform other  
11 duties as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to  
12 implement the education and training program.

13 (11) To grant waivers from compliance with the  
14 provisions of this chapter applicable to privately employed  
15 agents who have completed a course of instruction in a  
16 training program approved by the commissioner.

17 § 1105. Certificate of qualification.

18 (a) Application.--Any person desiring to enroll in a program  
19 shall make application to the commissioner on a form to be  
20 prescribed by the commissioner.

21 (b) Contents.--The application shall be signed and verified  
22 by the applicant. It shall include the applicant's full name,  
23 age, residence, present and previous occupations and any other  
24 information that may be required by the commissioner to show the  
25 good character, competency and integrity of the applicant.

26 (c) Presentation.--The application shall be personally  
27 presented by the applicant at an office of the Pennsylvania  
28 State Police where the applicant's fingerprints shall be affixed  
29 to the application. The application shall be accompanied by two  
30 current photographs of the applicant of a size and nature to be

1 prescribed by the commissioner and an application fee set under  
2 section 616-A of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),  
3 known as The Administrative Code of 1929, unless the applicant  
4 is a full-time police officer, in which case no application fee  
5 shall be required. The application shall then be forwarded to  
6 the commissioner.

7 (d) Examination.--The fingerprints of the applicant shall be  
8 examined by the Pennsylvania State Police and the Federal Bureau  
9 of Investigation to determine if the applicant has been  
10 convicted of or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a crime  
11 of violence. The commissioner shall have the power to waive the  
12 requirement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation examination.  
13 Any fee charged by the Federal agency shall be paid by the  
14 applicant.

15 (e) Age requirement.--No application shall be accepted if  
16 the applicant is 17 years of age or younger.

17 (f) Process.--After the application has been processed and  
18 if the commissioner determines that the applicant is 18 years of  
19 age and has not been convicted of or has not pleaded guilty or  
20 nolo contendere to a crime of violence and has satisfied any  
21 other requirements prescribed by the commissioner under the  
22 commissioner's powers and duties under section 1104 (relating to  
23 powers and duties of commissioner), the commissioner shall issue  
24 a certificate of qualification which shall entitle the applicant  
25 to enroll in an approved program.

26 § 1106. Certification and fee.

27 (a) Fee.--A certification fee set under section 616-A of the  
28 act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The  
29 Administrative Code of 1929, shall be paid by each individual  
30 satisfactorily completing the program prior to the receipt of a

1 certificate.

2 (b) Certificate.--The commissioner shall furnish to each  
3 individual satisfactorily completing the program, an appropriate  
4 wallet or billfold size copy of the certificate, which shall  
5 include a photograph of the individual.

6 (c) Identification.--Every certified individual shall carry  
7 the wallet or billfold size certificate on the certified  
8 individual's person as identification during the time when the  
9 certified individual is on duty or going to and from duty and  
10 carrying a lethal weapon.

11 (d) Time period.--Certification shall be for a period of  
12 five years.

13 (e) Renewal.--Privately employed agents who, as an incidence  
14 to their employment, carry a lethal weapon shall be required to  
15 renew their certification within six months prior to the  
16 expiration of their certificate. The commissioner shall  
17 prescribe the manner in which the certification shall be renewed  
18 and may charge a nominal renewal fee set under The  
19 Administrative Code of 1929.

20 § 1107. Good standing.

21 (a) Possession.--Privately employed agents must possess a  
22 valid certificate whenever on duty or going to and from duty and  
23 carrying a lethal weapon.

24 (b) Discharge.--Whenever an employer of a privately employed  
25 agent subject to the provisions of this chapter discharges the  
26 agent for cause, the employer shall notify the commissioner of  
27 the discharge within five days.

28 (c) Revocation.--The commissioner may revoke and invalidate  
29 any certificate issued to a privately employed agent under this  
30 chapter whenever the commissioner learns that false, fraudulent

1 or misstated information appears on the original or renewal  
2 application or of a change of circumstances that would render an  
3 employee ineligible for original certification.

4 § 1108. Retired police officers.

5 (a) Initial certification.--A nondisability retired police  
6 officer of a Pennsylvania municipality or the Pennsylvania State  
7 Police shall be initially certified under this chapter and need  
8 not meet the training and qualification standards or physical  
9 and psychological qualifications under this chapter if the  
10 officer was a full-time police officer for at least 20 years,  
11 retired in good standing and has assumed the duties of a  
12 privately employed agent on or before three years from the date  
13 of his retirement. If a retired police officer commences duties  
14 as a privately employed agent after three years from the date of  
15 the retired officer's retirement, the retired officer must meet  
16 the physical and psychological requirements of this chapter for  
17 certification under this section.

18 (b) Fee.--A retired police officer initially certified under  
19 this section shall not be required to pay the application fee  
20 but shall pay the certification fee upon the submission of a  
21 completed application provided by the commissioner.

22 § 1109. Penalties.

23 (a) Misdemeanor offense.--Any privately employed agent who  
24 in the course of the agent's employment carries a lethal weapon  
25 and who fails to comply with section 1103(b) (relating to  
26 education and training program) or with section 1107(a)  
27 (relating to good standing) commits a misdemeanor and shall,  
28 upon conviction, be subject to imprisonment of not more than one  
29 year or payment of a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

30 (b) Summary offense.--Any privately employed agent who in

1 the course of the agent's employment carries a lethal weapon and  
2 who violates section 1107(c) commits a summary offense and  
3 shall, upon conviction, pay a fine not exceeding \$50.

4 § 1110. Prohibited acts.

5 No individual certified under this chapter shall carry an  
6 inoperative or model firearm while employed and shall carry only  
7 a powder actuated firearm approved by the commissioner.

8 § 1111. Active police officers.

9 All active police officers subject to the training provisions  
10 of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police  
11 education and training) shall be granted a waiver of the  
12 training requirements of this chapter upon presentation to the  
13 commissioner of evidence of their completion of the training  
14 requirements of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D and the successful  
15 completion of a biennial firearms qualification examination  
16 administered by their respective police agency.

17 Section 4. The following shall apply:

18 (1) An individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
19 liability company or other legal entity licensed under the  
20 former act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1273, No. 361), known as  
21 The Private Detective Act of 1953, on the effective date of  
22 this section shall be deemed to be licensed as both a private  
23 investigator and a security professional under 22 Pa.C.S. Ch.  
24 3 for the balance of the term of the license issued under the  
25 former act known as The Private Detective Act of 1953.

26 (2) Nothing in 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3 shall require fugitive  
27 recovery agents to obtain a license or comply with Chapter 3  
28 until July 1, 2010.

29 Section 5. The following shall apply:

30 (1) The sum of \$150,000, or as much thereof as may be

1 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Professional  
2 Licensure Augmentation Account for the fiscal year July 1,  
3 2007, to June 30, 2008, for the operation of the State Board  
4 of Private Investigators, Security Professionals and Fugitive  
5 Recovery Agents to carry out the provisions of 22 Pa.C.S. Ch.  
6 3. The appropriation shall be a continuing appropriation  
7 until June 30, 2011, at which time any unexpended funds shall  
8 lapse into the account.

9 (2) Additional funding may be appropriated from the  
10 Professional Licensure Augmentation Account, upon approval of  
11 the Governor, for start-up costs in excess of the  
12 appropriation under paragraph (1).

13 (3) The appropriation under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall  
14 be repaid by the board to the account within three years of  
15 the beginning of issuance of licenses by the board.

16 Section 6. The provisions of this act are severable. If any  
17 provision of this act or its application to any person or  
18 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
19 other provisions or applications of this act which can be given  
20 effect without the invalid provision or application.

21 Section 7. Repeals are as follows:

22 (1) (i) The General Assembly declares that the repeal  
23 under subparagraph (ii) is necessary to effectuate the  
24 addition of 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3.

25 (ii) The act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1273, No.361),  
26 known as The Private Detective Act of 1953, is repealed.

27 (2) (i) The General Assembly declares that the repeal  
28 under subparagraph (ii) is necessary to effectuate the  
29 addition of 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11.

30 (ii) The act of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.235),



1 known as the Lethal Weapons Training Act, is repealed.

2 (3) All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as  
3 they are inconsistent with this act.

4 Section 8. The addition of 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3 is a  
5 continuation of the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1273, No.361),  
6 known as The Private Detective Act of 1953. Except as otherwise  
7 provided in 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3, all activities initiated under The  
8 Private Detective Act shall continue and remain in full force  
9 and effect and may be completed under 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3. Orders,  
10 regulations, rules and decisions which were made under The  
11 Private Detective Act and which are in effect on the effective  
12 date of section 7(1)(ii) of this act shall remain in full force  
13 and effect until revoked, vacated or modified under 22 Pa.C.S.  
14 Ch. 3. Contracts, obligations and collective bargaining  
15 agreements entered into under The Private Detective Act are not  
16 affected nor impaired by the repeal of The Private Detective  
17 Act.

18 Section 9. The addition of 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 is a  
19 continuation of the act of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.235),  
20 known as the Lethal Weapons Training Act. The following apply:

21 (1) Except as otherwise provided in 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11,  
22 all activities initiated under the Lethal Weapons Training  
23 Act shall continue and remain in full force and effect and  
24 may be completed under 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11. Orders,  
25 regulations, rules and decisions which were made under the  
26 Lethal Weapons Training Act and which are in effect on the  
27 effective date of section 7(2)(ii) of this act shall remain  
28 in full force and effect until revoked, vacated or modified  
29 under 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11. Contracts, obligations and  
30 collective bargaining agreements entered into under the

1 Lethal Weapons Training Act are not affected nor impaired by  
2 the repeal of the Lethal Weapons Training Act.

3 (2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), any difference  
4 in language between 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 and the Lethal Weapons  
5 Training Act is intended only to conform to the style of the  
6 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and is not intended to  
7 change or affect the legislative intent, judicial  
8 construction or administration and implementation of the  
9 Lethal Weapons Training Act.

10 (3) Paragraph (2) does not apply to the addition of the  
11 definition of "privately employed agents" in 22 Pa.C.S. §  
12 1102.

13 Section 10. This act shall take effect as follows:

14 (1) The following provisions shall take effect  
15 immediately:

16 (i) The addition of 22 Pa.C.S. § 304.

17 (ii) Section 5.

18 (iii) This section.

19 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 180  
20 days.