



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 370**

**Public Act No. 22-130**

**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:

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 Section 29-156a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

(b) Immediately upon hiring a private investigator, the licensee shall apply to register such employee with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such application shall be made on forms furnished by the commissioner, and, under oath of the employee, shall give the employee's name, address, date and place of birth, employment for the past 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 employee.

(c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection

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of this chapter for any reason except lack of minimum experience, or whose license, having been granted, has been revoked or is under suspension.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

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

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

[(e)] (f) Any person, firm or corporation that violates any provision of this section shall be fined seventy-five dollars for each offense. Each distinct violation of this section shall be a separate offense and, in the

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case of a continuing violation, each day thereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

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

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

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