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1 AN ACT Relating to fingerprinting requirements for licensing of
2 private investigators and private security guards; and amending RCW
3 18.165.030 and 18.170.030.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.165.030 and 1995 c 277 s 19 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 An applicant must meet the following minimum requirements to obtain
8 a private investigator license:

9 (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;

10 (2) Be a citizen or resident alien of the United States;

11 (3) Not have been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction, if the
12 director determines that the applicant's particular crime directly
13 relates to his or her capacity to perform the duties of a private
14 investigator and the director determines that the license should be
15 withheld to protect the citizens of Washington state. The director
16 shall make her or his determination to withhold a license because of
17 previous convictions notwithstanding the restoration of employment
18 rights act, chapter 9.96A RCW;

1 (4) Be employed by or have an employment offer from a private
2 investigator agency or be licensed as a private investigator agency;

3 (5) Submit a set of fingerprints; however, if an applicant has been
4 issued a license as a private security guard under chapter 18.170 RCW
5 within the last twelve months, the applicant is not required to undergo
6 a separate background check to become licensed under this chapter;

7 (6) Pay the required nonrefundable fee for each application; and

8 (7) Submit a fully completed application that includes proper
9 identification on a form prescribed by the director for each company of
10 employment.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.170.030 and 1995 c 277 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 An applicant must meet the following minimum requirements to obtain
14 a private security guard license:

15 (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;

16 (2) Be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien;

17 (3) Not have been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction, if the
18 director determines that the applicant's particular crime directly
19 relates to his or her capacity to perform the duties of a private
20 security guard, and the director determines that the license should be
21 withheld to protect the citizens of Washington state. The director
22 shall make her or his determination to withhold a license because of
23 previous convictions notwithstanding the restoration of employment
24 rights act, chapter 9.96A RCW;

25 (4) Be employed by or have an employment offer from a licensed
26 private security company or be licensed as a private security company;

27 (5) Satisfy the training requirements established by the director;

28 (6) Submit a set of fingerprints; however, if an applicant has been
29 issued a license as a private investigator under chapter 18.165 RCW
30 within the last twelve months, the applicant is not required to undergo
31 a separate background check to become licensed under this chapter;

32 (7) Pay the required nonrefundable fee for each application; and

33 (8) Submit a fully completed application that includes proper
34 identification on a form prescribed by the director for each company of
35 employment.

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