

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1769
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Government Reform
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Texas Commission on Private Security (commission) is responsible for regulating certain occupations such as investigators and security officers. H.B. 1769 amends sections of the Occupations Code to clarify provisions regarding the commission.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission on Private Security in SECTION 2 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

Amends sections of Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, Private Security, to make the following changes in law. Prohibits a person whose pocket card has not expired from receiving another in the same classification. Changes the requirement that the commission develop a continuing education course of at least four hours in handgun proficiency to a requirement of 6 hours of continuing education instruction determined by the director of the commission. Changes the description of individuals to whom the provisions regarding the security department of a private business applies. Repeals sections relating to the geographical scope of security officer commission and relating to notices to law enforcement in the county in which a person regulated under this chapter resides. Changes apply only to license, certification, registration, commission, or letter or authority originally issued on or after the effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 1769 deletes all of Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and part of Section 3, making the following changes to the bill: Removes the amendment to the definitions of "alarm system," "detection device," "extra job coordinator," and "letter of authority." Removes the amendment to the limitation on the purpose for which the commission may commission an investigator who works full time as a peace officer for the commission. Removes the elimination of specific fees in the statute and permitting the commission to establish reasonable and necessary fees by rule. Removes the addition to the description of an alarm systems company a person who consults with a person to sell, install, service, monitor, or respond to an alarm system or detection device. Removes the amendment to the requirement that the three years required experience must be consecutive for an investigations company license and that the experience must be legally obtained. Removes the amendment to the requirement that the two years required experience must be consecutive for a applicant for a license to engage in the business of a security services contractor or the applicant's manager. Removes the amendment that an individual acts as an alarm system installer if the person installs, maintains, or repairs a detection device. Removes the amendment to the description of a security salesperson.

