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**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1769** by Driver (Relating to occupations regulated by the Texas Commission on Private Security.), **As Engrossed**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1769, As Engrossed: a positive impact of \$44,500 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2004	\$24,500
2005	\$20,000
2006	\$24,500
2007	\$20,000
2008	\$24,500

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</b>
2004	\$24,500
2005	\$20,000
2006	\$24,500
2007	\$20,000
2008	\$24,500

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Occupations Code as it relates to occupations regulated by the Texas Commission on Private Security (TCPS) by changing definitions relating to letters of authority, private investigators, and private investigation firms.

**Methodology**

The bill would remove the limits on the amounts of fees that the Commission on Private Security (TCPS) could charge. Whether TCPS would change the fees is unknown, and potential changes in revenue resulting from changes in fees are not included in this fiscal estimate. The agency reports that several provisions of the bill would expand the businesses and individuals subject to TCPS oversight. TCPS estimates that the following additional businesses and individuals would become licensed under

these provisions: 25 companies requiring letters of authority, 50 private investigation firms, 100 additional officers operating under letters of authority, and 100 private investigators.

Under TCPS current rules, the companies are licensed every year, and the individuals are licensed every two years. Using TCPS's current fee structure, the companies that would be added would generate approximately \$24,500 in revenue in the first year and \$20,000 in the second year the fees were collected. This estimate assumes that the companies would pay their first fees in fiscal 2004.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 467 Texas Commission on Private Security, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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