

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility and training requirements for commissioned security officers and personal protection officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1702.163, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(a) An applicant employed by a company license holder is not eligible for a security officer commission unless the applicant submits as part of the application satisfactory evidence that the applicant has:

(1) completed the basic training course at a school or under an instructor approved by the department;

(2) met each qualification established by this chapter and administrative rule;

(3) achieved the score required by the department on the examination under Section 1702.1685; ~~and~~

(4) demonstrated to the satisfaction of the firearm training instructor that the applicant has complied with other department standards for minimum marksmanship competency with a handgun; and

(5) provided proof of completion by and the results of the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory test for the applicant.

1 (h) The commission by rule shall require an applicant for a
2 security officer commission to complete the Minnesota Multiphasic
3 Personality Inventory test. The department may use the results of
4 the test to evaluate the applicant's psychological fitness.

5 SECTION 2. Sections 1702.1675(a) and (g), Occupations Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The commission shall establish a basic training course
8 for commissioned security officers. The course must include, at a
9 minimum:

10 (1) general security officer training issues;

11 (2) classroom instruction on handgun proficiency and
12 self-defense tactics; and

13 (3) range instruction on handgun proficiency.

14 (g) The handgun proficiency and self-defense course must
15 include at least 10 hours and not more than 15 hours of in-person
16 instruction with an on-site instructor approved by the department
17 on:

18 (1) the laws that relate to weapons and to the use of
19 deadly force;

20 (2) handgun use, proficiency, and safety;

21 (3) nonviolent dispute resolution; ~~and~~

22 (4) proper storage practices for handguns, with an
23 emphasis on storage practices that eliminate the possibility of
24 accidental injury to a child; and

25 (5) self-defense tactics.

26 SECTION 3. Section 1702.1685(a), Occupations Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The proficiency examination required to obtain or renew
2 a security officer commission must include:

3 (1) a written section on the subjects listed in
4 Sections 1702.1675(g)(1)-(4) [~~Section 1702.1675(g)~~]; and

5 (2) a physical demonstration of handgun proficiency
6 that meets the minimum standards established under Section
7 1702.1675(h) or (i).

8 SECTION 4. Section 1702.205(b), Occupations Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (b) The training required by this section:

11 (1) must be provided in-person; and

12 (2) is in addition to the basic training course for
13 security officers.

14 SECTION 5. A person who holds a security officer commission
15 issued under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, on January 1, 2024,
16 and applies to renew the commission on or after January 1, 2024,
17 shall provide to Department of Public Safety, at the time of the
18 person's first renewal of the commission on or after that date,
19 proof of completion and the results of the Minnesota Multiphasic
20 Personality Inventory psychological test taken by the person. The
21 department may use the results of the test to evaluate the
22 applicant's psychological fitness.

23 SECTION 6. Section 1702.163(a), Occupations Code, as
24 amended by this Act, applies only to an application for a security
25 officer commission submitted on or after January 1, 2024. An
26 application for a security officer commission submitted before
27 January 1, 2024, is governed by the law in effect immediately before

1 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 7. (a) Section 1702.1675, Occupations Code, as
4 amended by this Act, applies only to a basic training course for
5 commissioned security officers that begins on or after January 1,
6 2024. A basic training course for commissioned security officers
7 that begins before January 1, 2024, is governed by the law in effect
8 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
9 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Public Safety
11 Commission shall update the basic training course for commissioned
12 security officers to comply with Section 1702.1675, Occupations
13 Code, as amended by this Act.

14 SECTION 8. Section 1702.205, Occupations Code, as amended
15 by this Act, applies only to a personal protection officer training
16 course that begins on or after January 1, 2024. A personal
17 protection officer training course that begins before January 1,
18 2024, is governed by the law in effect immediately before the
19 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
20 effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3424 was passed by the House on May 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 18, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3424 on May 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 7, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3424 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor