

By Representative Allen

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to private security services;  
3           amending s. 493.6303, F.S.; providing that the  
4           employment of any applicant for licensure under  
5           part III of chapter 493, F.S., relating to  
6           private security services, shall not commence  
7           until required criminal history background  
8           checks have been completed; providing for  
9           denial of application for licensure if the  
10          applicant has been convicted of a felony;  
11          providing an exception; requiring the  
12          Department of State to make every effort to  
13          provide criminal history background information  
14          regarding an applicant for licensure to a  
15          prospective employer of the applicant in the  
16          most timely manner possible; amending s.  
17          493.6203, F.S.; conforming a cross reference;  
18          providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22           Section 1. Section 493.6303, Florida Statutes, is  
23 amended to read:

24           493.6303 License requirements.--In addition to the  
25 license requirements set forth elsewhere in this chapter, each  
26 individual or agency shall comply with the following  
27 additional requirements:

28           (1)(a) The employment of any applicant for licensure  
29 under this part shall not commence until the criminal history  
30 background checks required pursuant to part I of this chapter  
31 have been completed.

1        (b) If the applicant for licensure under this part has  
2 been convicted of a felony, the department shall deny the  
3 application unless and until civil rights have been restored  
4 by the State of Florida or by a state acceptable to Florida.

5        (c) The department shall make every effort to provide  
6 information collected pursuant to part I of this chapter  
7 regarding an applicant for licensure under this part to a  
8 prospective employer of the applicant in the most timely  
9 manner possible.

10        (2)~~(1)~~ Each agency or branch office shall designate a  
11 minimum of one appropriately licensed individual to act as  
12 manager, directing the activities of the Class "D" employees.

13        (3)~~(2)~~ An applicant for a Class "MB" license shall  
14 have 2 years of lawfully gained, verifiable, full-time  
15 experience, or training in:

16            (a) Security work or related fields of work that  
17 provided equivalent experience or training;

18            (b) Experience described in paragraph (a) for 1 year  
19 and experience described in paragraph (c) for 1 year;

20            (c) No more than 1 year using:

21                1. Either college coursework related to criminal  
22 justice, criminology, or law enforcement administration; or

23                2. Successfully completed law enforcement-related  
24 training received from any federal, state, county, or  
25 municipal agency; or

26            (d) Experience described in paragraph (a) for 1 year  
27 and work in a managerial or supervisory capacity for 1 year.

28        (4)~~(3)~~ An applicant for a Class "M" license shall  
29 qualify for licensure as a Class "MA" manager as outlined  
30 under s. 493.6203(2) and as a Class "MB" manager as outlined  
31 under subsection (2).

1           (5)~~(4)~~(a) Effective October 1, 1994, an applicant for  
2 a Class "D" license must have completed a minimum of 40 hours  
3 of professional training at a school or training facility  
4 licensed by the department. The department shall by rule  
5 establish the general content of the training.

6           (b) An applicant may fulfill the training requirement  
7 prescribed in paragraph (a) by submitting proof of:

- 8           1. Successful completion of 40 hours of training  
9 before initial application for a class "D" license; or
- 10           2. Successful completion of 24 hours of training  
11 before initial application for, and 16 hours of training upon  
12 the first application for renewal of, a Class "D" license.  
13 However, individuals licensed before October 1, 1994, need not  
14 complete additional training hours in order to renew their  
15 licenses.

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17 Any person whose license has been revoked or whose license has  
18 been expired for 1 year or longer is considered, upon  
19 reapplication for a license, an initial applicant and must  
20 submit proof of successful completion of 40 hours of  
21 professional training at a school or training facility  
22 licensed by the department.

23           (6)~~(5)~~ An applicant for a Class "G" license shall  
24 satisfy the firearms training outlined in s. 493.6115.

25           Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 493.6203, Florida  
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27           493.6203 License requirements.--In addition to the  
28 license requirements set forth elsewhere in this chapter, each  
29 individual or agency shall comply with the following  
30 additional requirements:  
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1           (3) An applicant for a Class "M" license shall qualify  
2 for licensure as a Class "MA" manager as outlined under  
3 subsection (2) and as a Class "MB" manager as outlined under  
4 s. 493.6303(3)~~(2)~~.

5           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
6 law.

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9           HOUSE SUMMARY

10          Provides that the employment of any applicant for  
11 licensure under part III of chapter 493, F.S., relating  
12 to private security services, shall not commence until  
13 required criminal history background checks have been  
14 completed. Provides for denial of application for  
15 licensure if the applicant has been convicted of a  
16 felony. Requires the Department of State to make every  
17 effort to provide criminal history background information  
18 regarding an applicant for licensure to a prospective  
19 employer of the applicant in the most timely manner  
20 possible.  
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