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## **SB 1618**

Introduced by  
Senator Payne

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-2407, 32-2423, 32-2425, 32-2442, 32-2607, 32-2613, 32-2614, 32-2623 AND 32-2624, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND SECURITY GUARDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2407, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-2407. Fees; renewal of agency licenses and employee  
5 registration certificates

6 A. The department shall charge and collect reasonable fees as  
7 determined by the director to cover the operational and equipment costs of  
8 regulating the private investigator industry.

9 B. Except as provided in section 32-4301, the director may renew  
10 ~~a~~ AN AGENCY license or A registration certificate granted under this  
11 chapter after receiving an application on such forms as the department  
12 prescribes and ~~receipt of~~ RECEIVING the fees prescribed pursuant to  
13 subsection A of this section. The renewal of an agency license requires  
14 the filing of a surety bond as prescribed in section 32-2423, subsections  
15 B and C. ~~Renewal of a license or registration shall not be granted more~~  
16 ~~than ninety days after expiration. No~~ A licensee or registrant may NOT  
17 engage in any activity subject to this chapter during any period between  
18 the date of expiration of the AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE  
19 and the renewal of the AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE.

20 C. The department shall renew a suspended AGENCY license or  
21 registration certificate as provided in this article. Renewal of the  
22 AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE does not entitle the licensee  
23 or registrant, while the AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE  
24 remains suspended and until it is reinstated, to engage in any activity  
25 regulated by this chapter, or in any other activity or conduct in  
26 violation of the order or judgment by which the AGENCY license or  
27 registration CERTIFICATE was suspended.

28 D. The director shall not reinstate a revoked AGENCY license or  
29 registration CERTIFICATE. The director shall not accept an application  
30 for ~~a~~ AN AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE from a person whose  
31 AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE has been revoked until at least  
32 one year after the date of revocation.

33 Sec. 2. Section 32-2423, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
34 read:

35 32-2423. Application for agency license; financial  
36 responsibility; notice and opportunity to supply  
37 additional information

38 A. Every application for an original or renewal agency license to  
39 engage in the private investigator business shall set forth verified  
40 information to assist the department in determining the applicant's  
41 ability to meet the requirements prescribed in this chapter and shall  
42 contain the following:

- 43 1. The full name and business address of the applicant.
- 44 2. The name under which the applicant intends to do business.

1           3. A statement as to the general nature of the business in which  
2 the applicant intends to engage.

3           4. If the applicant is other than an individual, the full name and  
4 residence address of each of its associates.

5           5. A verified statement of the applicant's experience and  
6 qualifications.

7           6. Photographs of the applicant of a number and type prescribed by  
8 the department.

9           7. Fingerprints of the applicant of a quality and number prescribed  
10 by the department for the purpose of obtaining state and federal criminal  
11 records checks pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The  
12 department may exchange this fingerprint data with the federal bureau of  
13 investigation. The department may conduct periodic ~~state~~ criminal history  
14 checks to ensure continued qualification under this chapter.

15           8. Such other information, evidence, statements or documents as the  
16 director may reasonably require.

17           9. The fee prescribed pursuant to section 32-2407.

18           B. Before the issuance of an original or renewal agency license the  
19 applicant shall provide to the department:

20           1. A surety bond in the amount of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars~~  
21 ~~\$2,500~~.

22           2. A certificate of workers' compensation insurance, if applicable.

23           C. The bond shall be executed and acknowledged by the applicant as  
24 principal and by a corporation licensed to transact fidelity and surety  
25 business in this state as surety. The bond shall be continuous in form  
26 and shall run concurrently with the license period. The bond required by  
27 this section shall be in favor of the state for the benefit of any person  
28 injured by any acts of a private investigator or the private  
29 investigator's agency or employees and is subject to claims by any person  
30 who is injured by these acts.

31           D. The department shall cancel the agency license of any licensed  
32 agency on the cancellation of the surety bond. The qualifying party may  
33 reinstate the ~~AGENCY~~ license on filing:

34           1. A surety bond that is concurrent with the remainder of the  
35 license period.

36           2. Payment of the reinstatement fee prescribed pursuant to section  
37 32-2407.

38           E. If an application is incomplete, the department shall notify the  
39 applicant pursuant to section 41-1074. If the department requires  
40 additional information to make a decision on licensure, the department  
41 shall notify the applicant pursuant to section 41-1075. The department  
42 shall send notices under this subsection to the applicant's last known  
43 residential address and shall include sufficient information to assist the  
44 applicant in completing the application process. The applicant has  
45 forty-five calendar days ~~from~~ ~~AFTER~~ the date of notification to provide

1 the additional documentation. If the applicant fails to respond within  
2 forty-five calendar days, the application and any REGISTRATION  
3 certificates issued are automatically suspended until the department  
4 receives the necessary documentation to approve or deny the application.

5 Sec. 3. Section 32-2425, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
6 read:

7 32-2425. Issuance of agency license and identification card;  
8 deadline for completing application; transfer of  
9 license prohibited

10 A. The department shall issue an agency license to any applicant  
11 ~~who~~ THAT complies with this chapter. Each AGENCY license shall contain  
12 the name and address of the licensee and the number of the AGENCY license  
13 and shall be issued for a period of ~~two~~ FOUR years.

14 B. On the issuance of ~~a~~ AN AGENCY license, an identification card  
15 described in section 32-2461 shall be issued without charge to the  
16 licensee if an individual, or if the licensee is other than an individual,  
17 to ~~its~~ THE LICENSEE'S qualifying party, and to each of ~~its~~ THE LICENSEE'S  
18 associates and directors. The identification card is evidence that the  
19 licensee is duly licensed pursuant to this chapter. If a person to whom  
20 the card of a licensee other than an individual is issued terminates the  
21 person's position, office or association with the licensee, the person  
22 shall surrender the IDENTIFICATION card to the licensee and within five  
23 business days the licensee shall mail or deliver the IDENTIFICATION card  
24 to the director for cancellation. If the person fails or refuses to  
25 surrender the IDENTIFICATION card to the licensee, the licensee shall  
26 notify the director within five business days of the termination of the  
27 person's position, office or association with the licensee.

28 C. On notification by the department to an applicant that the  
29 agency license is ready for issuance, the applicant shall complete the  
30 application process within ninety calendar days. Failure to complete the  
31 process shall result in the application being cancelled and all fees shall  
32 be forfeited by the applicant. Subsequent application by the same  
33 applicant requires the payment of all application and license fees  
34 prescribed pursuant to section 32-2407.

35 D. A licensee shall notify the director in writing within thirty  
36 calendar days of any change in the name or address of the licensee's  
37 business and of any change of associates.

38 E. All new associates shall submit applications on forms prescribed  
39 by the director.

40 F. ~~No~~ AN AGENCY license issued under this chapter is NOT  
41 transferable or assignable.

1           Sec. 4. Section 32-2442, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           32-2442. Application for employee registration certificate;  
4                       registration period cancellation

5           A. Every application for an employee registration certificate shall  
6 provide verified information to assist the department in determining the  
7 applicant's ability to meet the requirements prescribed in this chapter,  
8 as follows:

9           1. The full name and address of the applicant.

10          2. The name of the agency for which the applicant will be an  
11 employee.

12          3. Authorization of the qualifying party or the qualifying party's  
13 designee to issue an employee registration.

14          4. Fingerprints of the applicant of a quality and number prescribed  
15 by the department for the purpose of obtaining state and federal criminal  
16 records checks pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The  
17 department may exchange this fingerprint data with the federal bureau of  
18 investigation. The department may conduct periodic ~~state~~ criminal history  
19 checks to ensure continued qualification under this chapter.

20          5. Photographs of the applicant of a number and type prescribed by  
21 the department.

22          6. Such other information, evidence, statements or documents as the  
23 department may reasonably require.

24          B. An application for **ISSUANCE OF** an employee registration  
25 **CERTIFICATE** or renewal shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed pursuant  
26 to section 32-2407.

27          C. An original employee registration **CERTIFICATE** is valid from the  
28 date of issuance to the date of expiration of the agency license under  
29 which the employee is employed. The renewal period of an employee  
30 registration **CERTIFICATE** runs concurrently with the agency license. An  
31 employee registration **CERTIFICATE** may be denied as prescribed in section  
32 32-2459 and shall be canceled on the cancellation, termination or  
33 revocation of the agency license under which the employee registration  
34 **CERTIFICATE** is issued.

35          D. An employee registration **CERTIFICATE** or renewal shall not be  
36 issued to an applicant unless the employer has on file with the department  
37 evidence of current workers' compensation coverage. An employee  
38 registration **CERTIFICATE** is cancelled on cancellation of the employer's  
39 workers' compensation coverage and may be reinstated only on verification  
40 of the reinstatement of workers' compensation coverage and payment of the  
41 reinstatement fee prescribed pursuant to section 32-2407.

42          E. If an application is incomplete, the department shall notify the  
43 applicant pursuant to section 41-1074. If the department requires  
44 additional information to make a decision on registration, the department  
45 shall notify the applicant pursuant to section 41-1075. The department

shall send notices issued under this subsection to the applicant's last known residential address and shall include sufficient information to assist the applicant to complete the application process. The applicant has forty-five calendar days ~~from~~ AFTER the date of notification to provide the additional documentation. If the applicant fails to respond within forty-five calendar days, the application and any REGISTRATION certificates issued are automatically suspended until the department receives the necessary documentation to approve or deny the application.

Sec. 5. Section 32-2607, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

32-2607. Fees; renewal of agency licenses and employee registration certificates

A. The department shall charge and collect reasonable fees as determined by the director to cover the operational and equipment costs of regulating the security guard industry.

B. An agency license granted under this chapter may be renewed after the department receives an application on such a form as the department prescribes, the fees prescribed pursuant to subsection A of this section and proof of required liability insurance and workers' compensation and the agency identifies the certified security guard training instructors and firearms safety training instructors that the applicant uses. ~~Except as provided in section 32-4301, in no event shall renewal be granted more than ninety days after the expiration date of a license. No~~ A person, firm, company, partnership or corporation may NOT carry on any business subject to this article during any period that may exist between the date of expiration of ~~a~~ AN AGENCY license and the renewal of the AGENCY license.

C. A security guard, armed security guard, security guard training instructor or firearms safety training instructor registration certificate granted under this article may be issued after application on such a form as the department prescribes, the payment of fees prescribed pursuant to subsection A of this section and proof of the completion of training as required by this chapter.

D. A security guard, armed security guard, security guard training instructor or firearms safety training instructor registration certificate granted under this article may be renewed after application on such a form as the department prescribes and the payment of renewal fees.

E. ~~Except as provided in section 32-4301, the department shall not renew an agency license or registration certificate more than ninety calendar days after expiration.~~ A licensee or registrant shall not engage in any activity regulated by this chapter during any period between the date of expiration of the AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE and the renewal of the AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE.

F. The department may renew a suspended AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE as provided in this chapter. While suspended,

1 the renewal of the AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE does not  
2 entitle the licensee, security guard, armed security guard, security guard  
3 training instructor or firearms safety training instructor to engage in  
4 any activity regulated by this chapter or in any other activity or conduct  
5 in violation of the order or judgment that suspended the AGENCY license or  
6 registration certificate.

7 G. The department shall not renew a revoked AGENCY license or  
8 registration certificate. The department shall not accept an application  
9 for ~~a~~ AN AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE from a person whose  
10 AGENCY license or registration CERTIFICATE has been revoked until at least  
11 one year after the date of revocation.

12 Sec. 6. Section 32-2613, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
13 read:

14 32-2613. Application for agency license: financial  
15 responsibility; notice and opportunity to supply  
16 additional information

17 A. Every application for an original or renewal agency license to  
18 operate as a private security guard service shall set forth verified  
19 information to assist the department in determining the applicant's  
20 ability to meet the requirements set forth in this chapter and shall  
21 include the following:

22 1. The full name and business address of the applicant.

23 2. The name under which the applicant intends to do business.

24 3. A statement as to the general nature of the business in which  
25 the applicant intends to engage, including identification of armed  
26 security guard training requirements and identification of employees  
27 acting as armed security guards.

28 4. Photographs of the applicant of a number and type prescribed by  
29 the department.

30 5. Fingerprints of the applicant of a quality and number prescribed  
31 by the department for the purpose of obtaining state and federal criminal  
32 records checks pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The  
33 department may exchange this fingerprint data with the federal bureau of  
34 investigation. The department may conduct periodic ~~state~~ criminal history  
35 checks to ensure continued qualification under this chapter.

36 6. A verified statement of the applicant's experience and  
37 qualifications.

38 7. Such other information, evidence, statements or documents as may  
39 reasonably be required by the director.

40 B. If the applicant is other than an individual, each of its  
41 partners, resident officers, associates, directors and managers, in  
42 addition to its qualifying party, shall comply with the requirements of  
43 subsection A of this section. If the applicant is other than an  
44 individual, the application shall contain the full name and address of  
45 each of its board members and the president, ~~vice-president~~ VICE

1 ~~PRESIDENT~~, secretary and treasurer. The person who will manage the  
2 business conducted in this state shall comply in full with the  
3 requirements of subsection A of this section.

4 C. An application for an original or a renewal agency license shall  
5 be accompanied by:

6 1. The fee as prescribed pursuant to section 32-2607.

7 2. A certificate of a liability insurance policy, issued by an  
8 insurance company licensed or authorized to do business in this state.  
9 The minimum limits of such liability insurance policies shall be  
10 established by the department. Any insurer issuing such a policy shall  
11 give written notice to the department of any cancellation of such a  
12 policy. Such notice shall be given by the insurer to the director at  
13 least ten days before the cancellation by certified mail.

14 3. A certificate of workers' compensation insurance.

15 4. A completed form describing the agency's training program for  
16 employees as described in section 32-2632, subsection A, including  
17 training requirements for and identification of armed security guards  
18 employed by the agency and the identification of registered firearms  
19 safety training instructors and registered security guard training  
20 instructors used by the agency. The form shall be as prescribed by the  
21 director and require such information as the director deems necessary.

22 D. If an application is incomplete, the department shall notify the  
23 applicant pursuant to section 41-1074. If the department requires  
24 additional information to make a decision on licensure, the department  
25 shall notify the applicant pursuant to section 41-1075. The department  
26 shall send notices under this subsection to the applicant's last known  
27 residential address and shall include sufficient information to assist the  
28 applicant to complete the application process. The applicant has  
29 forty-five calendar days ~~from~~ AFTER the date of notification to provide  
30 the additional documentation. If the applicant fails to respond within  
31 forty-five calendar days, the application and any REGISTRATION  
32 certificates issued are automatically suspended until the department  
33 receives the necessary documentation to approve or deny the application.

34 Sec. 7. Section 32-2614, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
35 read:

36 32-2614. Issuance of agency licenses and identification  
37 cards; deadline for completing application

38 A. The department shall issue an agency license under this article  
39 to any applicant who satisfactorily complies with this chapter. Each  
40 agency license shall contain the name and address of ~~such~~ THE licensee and  
41 the number of the license and shall be issued for a period of ~~two~~ FOUR  
42 years.

43 B. ~~Upon~~ ON the issuance of an agency license, an identification  
44 card as described in section 32-2633 shall be issued to ~~such~~ THE licensee  
45 if an individual, or if ~~such~~ THE licensee is other than an individual, to



1 ~~its~~ THE LICENSEE'S qualifying party, associates, resident managers and  
 2 each of ~~its~~ THE LICENSEE'S resident officers, associates, directors and  
 3 partners. The identification card is evidence that the licensee is duly  
 4 licensed pursuant to this chapter. If any person to whom the  
 5 IDENTIFICATION card of an agency licensee, other than an individual, is  
 6 issued terminates the person's position, office or association with the  
 7 licensee, the person shall surrender the IDENTIFICATION card to the  
 8 licensee and within five business days the licensee shall mail or deliver  
 9 the IDENTIFICATION card to the director for cancellation. If the person  
 10 fails or refuses to surrender the IDENTIFICATION card to the licensee, the  
 11 licensee shall notify the director within five business days of the  
 12 termination of the person's position, office or association with the  
 13 licensee.

14 C. On notification by the department to an applicant that the  
 15 agency license is ready for issuance, the applicant shall complete the  
 16 application process within ninety calendar days. Failure to complete the  
 17 process results in the application being canceled, and the applicant  
 18 forfeits all fees. Subsequent application by the same applicant requires  
 19 the payment of all application and license fees prescribed pursuant to  
 20 section 32-2607.

21 D. ~~An agency~~ A licensee ~~shall~~, within thirty calendar days, SHALL  
 22 notify the department in writing of any change in the name or address of  
 23 the business or any change of associates or directors.

24 Sec. 8. Section 32-2623, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
 25 read:

26 32-2623. Application for employee registration certificate

27 A. Every application for an employee registration certificate must  
 28 set forth verified information to assist the department in determining the  
 29 applicant's ability to meet the requirements set forth in this chapter, as  
 30 follows:

- 31 1. The full name and address of the applicant.
- 32 2. Fingerprints of the applicant of a quality and number prescribed  
 33 by the department for the purpose of obtaining state and federal criminal  
 34 records checks pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544. The  
 35 department may exchange this fingerprint data with the federal bureau of  
 36 investigation. The department may conduct periodic ~~state~~ criminal history  
 37 checks to ensure continued qualification under this chapter.
- 38 3. Photographs of the applicant of a number and type prescribed by  
 39 the department.
- 40 4. Such other information, evidence, statements or documents as may  
 41 reasonably be required by the department.

42 B. An application for an original or renewal security guard, armed  
 43 security guard, security guard training instructor or firearms safety  
 44 training instructor registration certificate shall be accompanied by:

- 45 1. The fees prescribed pursuant to section 32-2607.

2. A statement from the applicant's employer requesting and authorizing armed security guard registration status for the applicant.

C. If an application is incomplete, the department shall notify the applicant pursuant to section 41-1074. If the department requires additional information to make a decision on registration, the department shall notify the applicant pursuant to section 41-1075. The department shall send notices issued under this subsection to the applicant's last known residential address and shall include sufficient information to assist the applicant to complete the application process. The applicant has forty-five calendar days ~~from~~ AFTER the date of notification to provide the additional documentation. If the applicant fails to respond within forty-five calendar days, the application and any REGISTRATION certificates issued are automatically suspended until the department receives the necessary documentation to approve or deny the application.

Sec. 9. Section 32-2624, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

32-2624. Issuance of registration certificates and identification cards

A. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after AN investigation, the department shall issue a security guard registration certificate, armed security guard registration certificate, security guard training instructor registration certificate or firearms safety training instructor registration certificate under this chapter to any applicant who satisfactorily complies with this chapter. Each security guard, security guard training instructor or firearms safety training instructor registration certificate shall contain the name and address of the registrant and the number of the REGISTRATION certificate and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, shall be issued for ~~two~~ FOUR years. Before the required background screenings for an applicant are complete, the department may issue a forty-five-day security guard registration certificate or a forty-five-day armed security guard registration certificate to an applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States military and who has been discharged not more than three years before application. The applicant who receives a forty-five-day security guard registration certificate pursuant to this section may work only for an agency licensee that provides the applicant preassignment training as prescribed in section 32-2632.

B. When a security guard, security guard training instructor or firearms safety training instructor registration certificate is issued, an identification card as described in section 32-2633 shall be issued to the registrant. The identification card is evidence that the person is a duly registered security guard, security guard training instructor or firearms safety training instructor. An employee must obtain an armed security guard registration certificate and identification card for each sponsoring ~~agency~~ licensee.

1           C. A security guard employee may not possess or carry a firearm  
2 while on official duty unless the employee is currently registered as an  
3 armed security guard and is authorized by the person's employer to possess  
4 or carry the firearm.

5           D. A security guard, security guard training instructor or firearms  
6 safety training instructor shall notify the director within fifteen  
7 calendar days after any change in the name or residential address of the  
8 security guard, security guard training instructor or firearms safety  
9 training instructor.

10          E. The department shall not issue a security guard, security guard  
11 training instructor or firearms safety training instructor provisional  
12 certificate.