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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Security Guards - Certifications and Renewals**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for certification as a security guard to be of
4 good moral character; establishing a renewal process for certifications of
5 security guards; requiring certification cards to contain the date on which the
6 certification expires; authorizing the Secretary of State Police to refuse to renew
7 certifications under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of State
8 Police to take certain disciplinary action if an applicant or individual pleads
9 guilty or nolo contendere to or is convicted of certain crimes; and generally
10 relating to certifications and renewals of certifications of security guards.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
13 Section 19-402, 19-405, and 19-408
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
18 Section 19-404.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

24 19-402.

25 (a) To qualify for certification as a security guard, an individual shall:

26 (1) meet the standards set by the Secretary;

1 (2) be an employee of or an applicant for employment with a licensed
2 security guard agency;

3 (3) BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;

4 [(3)] (4) submit to the licensed security guard agency, for forwarding to
5 the Secretary:

6 (i) a sworn application on the form the Secretary provides;

7 (ii) two sets of fingerprint cards marked with the applicant's
8 fingerprints; and

9 (iii) a nonrefundable application fee of \$15; and

10 [(4)] (5) pay to the licensed security guard agency, for forwarding to the
11 Secretary, the cost of the fingerprint card record checks.

12 (b) On receipt from an applicant for certification as a security guard, a
13 licensed security guard agency shall forward to the Secretary the applicant's
14 application form, fingerprint cards, and records fee.

15 19-404.1.

16 (A) BY REGULATION, THE SECRETARY SHALL STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE
17 CERTIFICATIONS.

18 (B) UNLESS A CERTIFICATION IS RENEWED FOR A 3-YEAR TERM AS PROVIDED
19 IN THIS SECTION, THE CERTIFICATION EXPIRES ON THE DATE THE SECRETARY SETS.

20 (C) AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE A CERTIFICATION EXPIRES, THE SECRETARY
21 SHALL MAIL TO THE INDIVIDUAL, AT THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE
22 INDIVIDUAL:

23 (1) A RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM; AND

24 (2) A NOTICE THAT STATES:

25 (I) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT CERTIFICATION EXPIRES;

26 (II) THAT THE SECRETARY MUST RECEIVE THE RENEWAL
27 APPLICATION AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE THE CERTIFICATION EXPIRATION DATE,
28 FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE THE CERTIFICATION
29 EXPIRES;

30 (III) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE;

31 (IV) THE AMOUNT OF ANY LATE FEE, AS DETERMINED BY THE
32 SECRETARY; AND

1 (V) THAT THE SUBMISSION OF A FALSE STATEMENT IN THE
2 RENEWAL APPLICATION IS CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATION.

3 (D) AN INDIVIDUAL PERIODICALLY MAY RENEW THE CERTIFICATION FOR AN
4 ADDITIONAL 3-YEAR TERM, IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

5 (1) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO BE CERTIFIED;

6 (2) PAYS TO THE SECRETARY:

7 (I) A RENEWAL FEE OF \$39 WHICH INCLUDES A FINGERPRINT
8 CHECK BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION; AND

9 (II) ANY LATE FEE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

10 (3) SUBMITS TO THE SECRETARY A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE
11 FORM THAT THE SECRETARY PROVIDES.

12 (E) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL RENEW THE CERTIFICATION OF EACH
13 INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

14 (2) WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE SECRETARY REFUSES TO RENEW THE
15 CERTIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL AS A SECURITY GUARD, THE SECRETARY SHALL
16 SEND WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE REFUSAL TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SUBMITTED THE
17 RENEWAL APPLICATION.

18 19-405.

19 (a) The Secretary shall issue to each individual who is certified as a security
20 guard under this subtitle a certification card that identifies the individual as a
21 certified security guard.

22 (b) (1) Subject to this subsection, the Secretary shall determine the form
23 and content of the certification card.

24 (2) The certification card shall be of a size and made of materials
25 appropriate for its intended use, as provided under § 19-406 of this subtitle.

26 (3) The certification card shall contain:

27 (i) a statement that in substance specifies that the individual is
28 certified by the Secretary as a security guard; [and]

29 (ii) any information that the Secretary considers appropriate to:

30 1. identify the individual; or

31 2. specify the authority of the individual; AND

32 (III) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CERTIFICATION EXPIRES.

1 19-408.

2 Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-410 of this subtitle, the Secretary may
3 deny certification as a security guard to any applicant, reprimand any individual
4 certified as a security guard, or suspend [or], revoke, OR REFUSE TO RENEW the
5 certification of an individual:

6 (1) for any applicable ground under § 19-313 of this title;

7 (2) if the applicant or individual fraudulently or deceptively obtains or
8 attempts to obtain certification as a security guard for the applicant or individual or
9 for another; [or]

10 (3) if the applicant or individual fails to maintain the standards set by
11 the Secretary for certification as a security guard; OR

12 (4) IF, UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY STATE, THE
13 APPLICANT OR INDIVIDUAL PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO OR IS
14 CONVICTED OF:

15 (I) A FELONY; OR

16 (II) A MISDEMEANOR THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FITNESS
17 AND QUALIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT OR INDIVIDUAL TO BE CERTIFIED AS A
18 SECURITY GUARD.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 1999.