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SB 365
Security Guards – Certification Renewal – Requirements
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The National Association of Security Companies (NASCO) is the trade association for the contract security industry, and NASCO member companies employ 1000's of licensed security guards in Maryland. For decades NASCO has worked with State Legislatures and Regulators to implement laws and regulations to provide for the efficient and effective licensing and regulation of private security guards.

NASCO wishes to thank Senator Waldstreicher for introducing SB 365, which unanimously passed the Senate last week. SB 365 is a commonsense bill that will bring greater efficiency and clarity to the security guard certification renewal process and NASCO urges the Committee and the House to also pass SB 365.

First, SB 365 will align the timing of security guard certification renewals to match that of all other certifications and permits issues by the Maryland State Police which is the last day of the certification holder's birth month. This benefits both certification holders and MSP.

Second, to help prevent security guards from having their certifications expire --- and thus force them to stop working require them to re-apply for a certification and re-take the initial certification training --- the bill requires the State Police to send renewal notices to certification holders.

Third, the bill eliminates unnecessary and confusing language in current law that states a guard seeking to renew their certification "shall" submit their application at least 90 days before a certification expires along with the renewal fee, and most confusingly, with "the amount of any late fee."

With online licensing, there is no need to submit renewals three months in advance, and more so, it is illogical that someone who submits an application 90 days before their certification expires, or even a day before expiration, could be subject to late fees. The above statutory language has created confusion among security agencies, security guards and MSP, and SB 365 thankfully eliminates the 90 day language as well as imposition of late fees.

Thank you.