# 45:19A-2
# LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF**: 2023 **CHAPTER:** 320

**NJSA:** 45:19A-2 Concerns licensing of security officer companies.

**BILL NO**: A5094 (Substituted for S3476 (1R))

**SPONSOR(S)** Spearman, William W. and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 1/23/2023

**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** Law & Public Safety

**SENATE:** --

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** 01/08/2024

**SENATE:** 01/08/2024

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 1/16/2024

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**A5094**

**INTRODUCED BILL:** (Includes sponsor(s) statement) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY**: Yes

**SENATE:** No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, ***may possibly*** be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** Yes

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**S3476 (1R)**

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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 320, ***approved January 16, 2024***
Assembly, No. 5094 ***(First Reprint)***

**AN ACT** concerning security officer companies and amending P.L.2004, c.134.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 2 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-2) is amended to read as follows:

2. As used in this act:

a. "Owner" or "operator" means an officer, director, member, sole proprietor, partner or associate of a private security company [1]**[**or a nonprofit organization**]**[1].

b. "Security officer" means any person who performs any of the following functions or activities as an employee, agent or subcontractor of a security officer company as defined in subsection c. of this section for a fee, hire or reward, notwithstanding the fact that other functions and activities may also be performed by the same person for fee, hire or reward; or any person who carries a firearm in the performance of the person's duties and performs any of the following functions and activities as an exclusive employee of a company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function as defined in subsection e. of this section whose primary duty is to provide these security functions and activities for that company and whose services are not contracted to any other entity or person:

(1) protection of person or property, real or personal, from injury or harm or for any other purpose whatsoever;

(2) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents and activities for the purpose of preventing the theft, or the unlawful taking, conversion, concealment or misappropriation of goods, wares, merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, notes or other valuable instruments, documents, papers or articles; or

(3) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents and activities for the purpose of preventing any unauthorized access, entry or unlawful activity, including but not limited to, robbery, burglary, arson, criminal mischief, vandalism or trespass.

The term shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall apply to, any law enforcement officer of this State, or any political subdivision of the State, while in the actual performance of his duties. For the purposes of this section, a law enforcement officer

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**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**
**[1]Senate floor amendments adopted January 8, 2024.**

shall be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties if the law enforcement officer is in uniform, or is exhibiting evidence of his authority, is performing public safety functions on behalf of and as assigned by his chief of police or the chief law enforcement officer of his law enforcement agency and is receiving compensation, if any, from his law enforcement agency at the rates or stipends as are established by law. A law enforcement officer shall not be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties, for the purposes of this section, if the law enforcement officer is performing private security functions or activities for a private employer while receiving compensation for those duties from the private employer, and a law enforcement officer shall not wear his uniform, or otherwise exhibit evidence of his authority as a law enforcement officer, while performing private security functions or activities for a private employer.

c. "Security officer company" means any body, board, person, firm, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority or similar entity that is organized for the purpose of or primarily engages in the business of furnishing for a fee, hire, reward or compensation one or more security officers [1], or an entity that is organized for the purpose of or primarily engages in the business of furnishing for a fee, hire, reward, or compensation one or more security officers and is established by a non-profit organization[1]. The term shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall apply to, any board, body, commission or agency of the United States of America or of this State or any other state, territory or possession of the United States of America, or any county, municipality or school district or any officer or employee solely, exclusively and regularly employed by any of the foregoing. The term shall include any business of watch, guard or patrol agency.

d. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

e. "Company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function" means any body, board, person, firm, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority [1], non-profit organization[1] or similar entity that is organized for the general purpose of conducting business, but which also employs persons who are required to carry a firearm in the performance of their duties to provide armed security services exclusively for their business or employees, and does not contract these employees to any other entity or person.

f. "Loss prevention employee" means an unarmed employee of a company whose primary responsibility is loss prevention and the protection of assets of that company.

g. “Nonprofit organization” means an organization located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to

Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. s. 501 (c)(3)).
(cf: P.L.2015, c.295, s.1)

2. Section 3 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-3) is amended to read as follows:

3. a. No person shall engage in the business of a security officer company, or advertise or hold out a business to be a security officer company, unless the business is licensed by the superintendent as set forth in this section. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

b. An application to be licensed as a security officer company shall be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the superintendent, and shall contain the following information:

(1) the full name, age, which shall be at least 25 years, and residence of the owners or operators of the security officer company;

(2) the full and complete employment history of the owners or operators;

(3) that [1]**[**either**]**[1] the owners or operators have five years' law enforcement experience and are no longer employed by or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency, or five years' experience working in a supervisory or management capacity for a licensed security officer company [1]**[**. The superintendent shall not require both**]** ; provided, however, if a security officer company will be owned by a non-profit organization, only[1] the [1]**[**owner and**]**[1] operator [1]or operators shall be required[1] to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth in this paragraph;

(4) the municipality and location of the security company's principal place of business and any office, bureau, agency or subdivision of the company; and

(5) such further information as the superintendent may require to show the good character, competency and integrity of the owners or operators of the security officer company.

Each application shall be accompanied by the written approval, for each owner or operator of the security officer company, of not less than five reputable citizens who have known the applicant for at least three years preceding the date of application and who shall certify that the applicant is a person of good moral character and behavior.

[1]With regard to an application that is submitted by a security officer company that will be owned by a non-profit organization, to the extent applicable, the requirements set forth in this subsection shall be satisfied by the submission of information regarding an

appropriate officer, director, member, or associate of the non-profit organization.[1]

Any person who shall knowingly make a false statement in or knowingly omit any material information from the application required by this subsection shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law.

c. No security officer company shall be licensed under the provisions of this section if any owner or operator of the company has been convicted, as indicated by a criminal history record background check performed pursuant to the provisions of this section, of: a crime of the first, second, third or fourth degree; any offense involving the unlawful use, possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2; or any offense where the issuance of a license would be contrary to the public interest, as determined by the superintendent. The fingerprints of each owner or operator and the written consent of the owner or operator shall be submitted to the superintendent for a criminal history record background check to be performed. The superintendent shall compare these fingerprints with fingerprints on file with the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The owner or operator shall bear the cost for the criminal history record background check, including all costs of administering and processing the check.

d. The superintendent, when satisfied with the examination of any application and such further inquiry and investigations as he shall deem proper as to the good character, competency and integrity of the applicant, shall issue a license to an approved security officer company upon payment of a fee in an amount established by the superintendent by rule and regulation and execution of a bond in a manner, form and amount satisfactory to the superintendent as established by rule and regulation. The license shall be renewable every two years upon payment of a renewal fee in an amount established by the superintendent by rule and regulation. The license may be revoked or suspended by the superintendent for a violation of any of the provisions of this act or for other good cause.

e. The revocation or suspension of any license by the superintendent shall be subject to notice and a hearing.

f. A person who, as an owner or operator of a licensed security officer company employs a security officer who is not registered with the superintendent as required under section 4 of this act shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law. Each violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

Each owner and operator of a licensed security officer company shall be liable, accountable and responsible for the actions and

conduct in connection with the employer's business of each security officer employed by the company.

g. A security officer company shall require each person in its employ to execute and furnish a verified statement, to be known as an "employee's statement," which shall set forth the employee's full name, age, residence, place and date of birth and such other information as the superintendent shall require by rule or regulation. The security officer company shall retain in safe keeping each "employee's statement." The superintendent shall at all times be given access to and may from time to time examine each "employee's statement" retained by the security officer company as provided in this subsection.

h. A security officer company shall immediately but in no case after 48 hours, notify the superintendent if a security officer is terminated for cause at any time.

(cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.3)

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Concerns licensing of security officer companies.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5094

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 23, 2023

**Sponsored by:**
**Assemblyman WILLIAM W. SPEARMAN**
**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

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2. As used in this act:

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b. "Security officer" means any person who performs any of the following functions or activities as an employee, agent or subcontractor of a security officer company as defined in subsection c. of this section for a fee, hire or reward, notwithstanding the fact that other functions and activities may also be performed by the same person for fee, hire or reward; or any person who carries a firearm in the performance of the person's duties and performs any of the following functions and activities as an exclusive employee of a company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function as defined in subsection e. of this section whose primary duty is to provide these security functions and activities for that company and whose services are not contracted to any other entity or person:

(1) protection of person or property, real or personal, from injury or harm or for any other purpose whatsoever;

(2) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents and activities for the purpose of preventing the theft, or the unlawful taking, conversion, concealment or misappropriation of goods, wares, merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, notes or other valuable instruments, documents, papers or articles; or

(3) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents and activities for the purpose of preventing any unauthorized access, entry or unlawful activity, including but not limited to, robbery, burglary, arson, criminal mischief, vandalism or trespass.

The term shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall apply to, any law enforcement officer of this State, or any political subdivision of the State, while in the actual performance of his duties. For the purposes of this section, a law enforcement officer shall be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties if the law enforcement officer is in uniform, or is exhibiting evidence of his authority, is performing public safety functions on behalf of and as assigned by his chief of police or the chief law enforcement officer of his law enforcement agency and is receiving

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compensation, if any, from his law enforcement agency at the rates or stipends as are established by law. A law enforcement officer shall not be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties, for the purposes of this section, if the law enforcement officer is performing private security functions or activities for a private employer while receiving compensation for those duties from the private employer, and a law enforcement officer shall not wear his uniform, or otherwise exhibit evidence of his authority as a law enforcement officer, while performing private security functions or activities for a private employer.

c. "Security officer company" means any body, board, person, firm, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority or similar entity that is organized for the purpose of or primarily engages in the business of furnishing for a fee, hire, reward or compensation one or more security officers. The term shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall apply to, any board, body, commission or agency of the United States of America or of this State or any other state, territory or possession of the United States of America, or any county, municipality or school district or any officer or employee solely, exclusively and regularly employed by any of the foregoing. The term shall include any business of watch, guard or patrol agency.

d. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

e. "Company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function" means any body, board, person, firm, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority or similar entity that is organized for the general purpose of conducting business, but which also employs persons who are required to carry a firearm in the performance of their duties to provide armed security services exclusively for their business or employees, and does not contract these employees to any other entity or person.

f. "Loss prevention employee" means an unarmed employee of a company whose primary responsibility is loss prevention and the protection of assets of that company.

g. “Nonprofit organization” means an organization located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. s. 501 (c)(3)).

(cf: P.L.2015, c.295, s.1)

2. Section 3 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-3) is amended to read as follows:

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the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

b. An application to be licensed as a security officer company shall be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the superintendent, and shall contain the following information:

(1) the full name, age, which shall be at least 25 years, and residence of the owners or operators of the security officer company;

(2) the full and complete employment history of the owners or operators;

(3) that either the owners or operators have five years' law enforcement experience and are no longer employed by or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency, or five years' experience working in a supervisory or management capacity for a licensed security officer company. The superintendent shall not require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth in this paragraph;

(4) the municipality and location of the security company's principal place of business and any office, bureau, agency or subdivision of the company; and

(5) such further information as the superintendent may require to show the good character, competency and integrity of the owners or operators of the security officer company.

Each application shall be accompanied by the written approval, for each owner or operator of the security officer company, of not less than five reputable citizens who have known the applicant for at least three years preceding the date of application and who shall certify that the applicant is a person of good moral character and behavior.

Any person who shall knowingly make a false statement in or knowingly omit any material information from the application required by this subsection shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law.

c. No security officer company shall be licensed under the provisions of this section if any owner or operator of the company has been convicted, as indicated by a criminal history record background check performed pursuant to the provisions of this section, of: a crime of the first, second, third or fourth degree; any offense involving the unlawful use, possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2; or any offense where the issuance of a license would be contrary to the public interest, as determined by the superintendent. The fingerprints of each owner or operator and the written consent of the owner or operator shall be submitted to the superintendent for a criminal history record background check to be performed. The superintendent shall compare these fingerprints with fingerprints on

file with the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The owner or operator shall bear the cost for the criminal history record background check, including all costs of administering and processing the check.

d. The superintendent, when satisfied with the examination of any application and such further inquiry and investigations as he shall deem proper as to the good character, competency and integrity of the applicant, shall issue a license to an approved security officer company upon payment of a fee in an amount established by the superintendent by rule and regulation and execution of a bond in a manner, form and amount satisfactory to the superintendent as established by rule and regulation. The license shall be renewable every two years upon payment of a renewal fee in an amount established by the superintendent by rule and regulation. The license may be revoked or suspended by the superintendent for a violation of any of the provisions of this act or for other good cause.

e. The revocation or suspension of any license by the superintendent shall be subject to notice and a hearing.

f. A person who, as an owner or operator of a licensed security officer company employs a security officer who is not registered with the superintendent as required under section 4 of this act shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law. Each violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

Each owner and operator of a licensed security officer company shall be liable, accountable and responsible for the actions and conduct in connection with the employer's business of each security officer employed by the company.

g. A security officer company shall require each person in its employ to execute and furnish a verified statement, to be known as an "employee's statement," which shall set forth the employee's full name, age, residence, place and date of birth and such other information as the superintendent shall require by rule or regulation. The security officer company shall retain in safe keeping each "employee's statement." The superintendent shall at all times be given access to and may from time to time examine each "employee's statement" retained by the security officer company as provided in this subsection.

h. A security officer company shall immediately but in no case after 48 hours, notify the superintendent if a security officer is terminated for cause at any time.

(cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.3)

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill concerns the licensing of security officer companies.

Under the Security Officer Registration Act, a person is not to engage in the business of a security officer company, or advertise or hold out a business to be a security officer company, unless the business is licensed by the Superintendent of State Police. Current law defines "owner or operator" as an officer, director, member, sole proprietor, partner, or associate of a private security company. This bill expands the definition to also include nonprofit organizations in addition to private security companies.

The bill defines "nonprofit organization" as an organization located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Further, current law provides that an application to be licensed as a security officer company is required to be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company. The application is required to contain information setting forth that the owners or operators have five years' law enforcement experience and are no longer employed by or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency, or five years experience working in a supervisory or management capacity for a licensed security officer company. This bill clarifies that either the owner or operator is required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law. The bill provides that the superintendent is not to require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5094

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2023

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5094.

As reported by the committee, this bill concerns the licensing of security officer companies. Under the Security Officer Registration Act, a person is not to engage in the business of a security officer company, or advertise or hold out a business to be a security officer company, unless the business is licensed by the Superintendent of State Police. Current law defines "owner or operator" as an officer, director, member, sole proprietor, partner, or associate of a private security company. This bill expands the definition to also include nonprofit organizations in addition to private security companies.

The bill defines "nonprofit organization" as an organization located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Further, current law provides that an application to be licensed as a security officer company is required to be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company. The application is required to contain information setting forth that the owners or operators have five years' law enforcement experience and are no longer employed by or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency, or five years experience working in a supervisory or management capacity for a licensed security officer company. This bill clarifies that either the owner or operator is required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law. The bill provides that the superintendent is not to require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law.

STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5094

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: JANUARY 8, 2024

Assembly Bill No. 5094 concerns the licensing of security officer companies. Under the Security Officer Registration Act, a person is not to engage in the business of a security officer company, or advertise or hold out a business to be a security officer company, unless the business is licensed by the Superintendent of State Police.

As introduced, the bill expanded the definition of owner or operator as set forth under current law to include nonprofit organizations in addition to private security companies. These Senate amendments remove nonprofit organizations from this definition.

In addition, the Senate amendments include in the definition of "security officer company" as set forth under current law, an entity that is organized for the purpose of or primarily engages in the business of furnishing for a fee, hire, reward, or compensation one or more security officers and is established by a non-profit organization. The Senate amendments also include a non-profit organization in the definition of a "company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function."

Further, current law requires an application a security officer company license to be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company who are also required to have certain law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company.

As introduced, the bill clarified that either the owner or operator is required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law and provided that the superintendent is not to require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law.

These Senate amendments change this provision to instead provide that if a security officer company will be owned by a non-profit organization, only the operator or operators are required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company.

Finally, these Senate amendments provide that with regard to an application that is submitted by a security officer company that will be

owned by a non-profit organization, to the extent applicable, the requirements set forth under current law are to be satisfied by the submission of information regarding an appropriate officer, director, member, or associate of the non-profit organization.

# SENATE, No. 3476

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 12, 2023

**Sponsored by:**
**Senator JAMES BEACH**
**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**
**Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN**
**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**
**Senator O'Scanlon**

**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns licensing of security officer companies.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/12/2023)**

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2. As used in this act:

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b. "Security officer" means any person who performs any of the following functions or activities as an employee, agent or subcontractor of a security officer company as defined in subsection c. of this section for a fee, hire or reward, notwithstanding the fact that other functions and activities may also be performed by the same person for fee, hire or reward; or any person who carries a firearm in the performance of the person's duties and performs any of the following functions and activities as an exclusive employee of a company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function as defined in subsection e. of this section whose primary duty is to provide these security functions and activities for that company and whose services are not contracted to any other entity or person:

(1) protection of person or property, real or personal, from injury or harm or for any other purpose whatsoever;

(2) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents and activities for the purpose of preventing the theft, or the unlawful taking, conversion, concealment or misappropriation of goods, wares, merchandise, money, bonds, stocks, notes or other valuable instruments, documents, papers or articles; or

(3) deterrence, observation, detection or reporting of incidents and activities for the purpose of preventing any unauthorized access, entry or unlawful activity, including but not limited to, robbery, burglary, arson, criminal mischief, vandalism or trespass.

The term shall not mean or include, and nothing in this act shall apply to, any law enforcement officer of this State, or any political subdivision of the State, while in the actual performance of his duties. For the purposes of this section, a law enforcement officer shall be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties if the law enforcement officer is in uniform, or is exhibiting evidence of his authority, is performing public safety functions on behalf of and as assigned by his chief of police or the chief law enforcement officer of his law enforcement agency and is receiving compensation, if any, from his law enforcement agency at the rates

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or stipends as are established by law. A law enforcement officer shall not be deemed to be in the actual performance of his duties, for the purposes of this section, if the law enforcement officer is performing private security functions or activities for a private employer while receiving compensation for those duties from the private employer, and a law enforcement officer shall not wear his uniform, or otherwise exhibit evidence of his authority as a law enforcement officer, while performing private security functions or activities for a private employer.

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d. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

e. "Company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function" means any body, board, person, firm, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, fund, authority or similar entity that is organized for the general purpose of conducting business, but which also employs persons who are required to carry a firearm in the performance of their duties to provide armed security services exclusively for their business or employees, and does not contract these employees to any other entity or person.

f. "Loss prevention employee" means an unarmed employee of a company whose primary responsibility is loss prevention and the protection of assets of that company.

g. “Nonprofit organization” means an organization located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. s. 501 (c)(3)).

(cf: P.L.2015, c.295, s.1)

2. Section 3 of P.L.2004, c.134 (C.45:19A-3) is amended to read as follows:

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(1) the full name, age, which shall be at least 25 years, and residence of the owners or operators of the security officer company;

(2) the full and complete employment history of the owners or operators;

(3) that either the owners or operators have five years' law enforcement experience and are no longer employed by or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency, or five years' experience working in a supervisory or management capacity for a licensed security officer company. The superintendent shall not require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth in this paragraph;

(4) the municipality and location of the security company's principal place of business and any office, bureau, agency or subdivision of the company; and

(5) such further information as the superintendent may require to show the good character, competency and integrity of the owners or operators of the security officer company.

Each application shall be accompanied by the written approval, for each owner or operator of the security officer company, of not less than five reputable citizens who have known the applicant for at least three years preceding the date of application and who shall certify that the applicant is a person of good moral character and behavior.

Any person who shall knowingly make a false statement in or knowingly omit any material information from the application required by this subsection shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law.

c. No security officer company shall be licensed under the provisions of this section if any owner or operator of the company has been convicted, as indicated by a criminal history record background check performed pursuant to the provisions of this section, of: a crime of the first, second, third or fourth degree; any offense involving the unlawful use, possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2; or any offense where the issuance of a license would be contrary to the public interest, as determined by the superintendent. The fingerprints of each owner or operator and the written consent of the owner or operator shall be submitted to the superintendent for a criminal history record background check to be performed. The superintendent shall compare these fingerprints with fingerprints on file with the State Bureau of Identification in the Division of State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation consistent with

applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations. The owner or operator shall bear the cost for the criminal history record background check, including all costs of administering and processing the check.

d. The superintendent, when satisfied with the examination of any application and such further inquiry and investigations as he shall deem proper as to the good character, competency and integrity of the applicant, shall issue a license to an approved security officer company upon payment of a fee in an amount established by the superintendent by rule and regulation and execution of a bond in a manner, form and amount satisfactory to the superintendent as established by rule and regulation. The license shall be renewable every two years upon payment of a renewal fee in an amount established by the superintendent by rule and regulation. The license may be revoked or suspended by the superintendent for a violation of any of the provisions of this act or for other good cause.

e. The revocation or suspension of any license by the superintendent shall be subject to notice and a hearing.

f. A person who, as an owner or operator of a licensed security officer company employs a security officer who is not registered with the superintendent as required under section 4 of this act shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree in addition to any other crime or offense specified by law. Each violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

Each owner and operator of a licensed security officer company shall be liable, accountable and responsible for the actions and conduct in connection with the employer's business of each security officer employed by the company.

g. A security officer company shall require each person in its employ to execute and furnish a verified statement, to be known as an "employee's statement," which shall set forth the employee's full name, age, residence, place and date of birth and such other information as the superintendent shall require by rule or regulation. The security officer company shall retain in safe keeping each "employee's statement." The superintendent shall at all times be given access to and may from time to time examine each "employee's statement" retained by the security officer company as provided in this subsection.

h. A security officer company shall immediately but in no case after 48 hours, notify the superintendent if a security officer is terminated for cause at any time.

(cf: P.L.2004, c.134, s.3)

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill concerns the licensing of security officer companies.

Under the Security Officer Registration Act, a person is not to engage in the business of a security officer company, or advertise or hold out a business to be a security officer company, unless the business is licensed by the Superintendent of State Police. Current law defines "owner or operator" as an officer, director, member, sole proprietor, partner, or associate of a private security company. This bill expands the definition to also include nonprofit organizations in addition to private security companies.

The bill defines "nonprofit organization" as an organization located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Further, current law provides that an application to be licensed as a security officer company is required to be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company. The application is required to contain information setting forth that the owners or operators have five years' law enforcement experience and are no longer employed by or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency, or five years experience working in a supervisory or management capacity for a licensed security officer company. This bill clarifies that either the owner or operator is required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law. The bill provides that the superintendent is not to require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

# SENATE, No. 3476

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2023

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3476.

As reported by the committee, this bill concerns the licensing of security officer companies.

Under the Security Officer Registration Act, a person is not to engage in the business of a security officer company, or advertise or hold out a business to be a security officer company, unless the business is licensed by the Superintendent of State Police. Current law defines "owner or operator" as an officer, director, member, sole proprietor, partner, or associate of a private security company. This bill expands the definition to also include nonprofit organizations in addition to private security companies.

The bill defines "nonprofit organization" as an organization located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Further, current law requires that an application to be licensed as a security officer company be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company. The application is required to contain information setting forth that the owners or operators have five years' law enforcement experience and are no longer employed by or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency, or five years of experience working in a supervisory or management capacity for a licensed security officer company. This bill clarifies that either the owner or operator is required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law. The bill provides that the superintendent is not to require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law.

# STATEMENT TO

# SENATE, No. 3476

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 21, 2023

Senate Bill No. 3476 concerns the licensing of security officer companies. Under the Security Officer Registration Act, a person is not to engage in the business of a security officer company, or advertise or hold out a business to be a security officer company, unless the business is licensed by the Superintendent of State Police.

As introduced, the bill expanded the definition of owner or operator as set forth under current law to include nonprofit organizations in addition to private security companies. These Senate amendments remove nonprofit organizations from this definition.

In addition, the Senate amendments include in the definition of "security officer company" as set forth under current law, an entity that is organized for the purpose of or primarily engages in the business of furnishing for a fee, hire, reward, or compensation one or more security officers and is established by a non-profit organization. The Senate amendments also include a non-profit organization in the definition of a "company maintaining a proprietary or in-house security function."

Further, current law requires an application a security officer company license to be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company who are also required to have certain law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company.

As introduced, the bill clarified that either the owner or operator is required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law and provided that the superintendent is not to require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law.

These Senate amendments change this provision to instead provide that if a security officer company will be owned by a non-profit organization, only the operator or operators are required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company.

Finally, these Senate amendments provide that with regard to an application that is submitted by a security officer company that will be

owned by a non-profit organization, to the extent applicable, the requirements set forth under current law are to be satisfied by the submission of information regarding an appropriate officer, director, member, or associate of the non-profit organization.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/16/2024

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**SCS for S-281/ACS for A-3791 (Greenstein, Turner/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – w/STATEMENT** - Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses

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**S-539wGR/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera)** - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for grocery delivery charges

**S-659/A-2014 (Oroho, Greenstein/Conaway, Wirths, Umba)** - "Manufacturing in Higher Education Act"; requires various State entities to promote manufacturing career pathways for students and provides assistance to manufacturing industry

**S-1110/A-3936 (Polistina, Singleton/Guardian, Swift, McClellan)** - Authorizes CRDA to finance transportation projects between Atlantic City Airport and Atlantic City Tourism District

**S-1662/A-3526 (Ruiz, Codey/Lampitt, Benson, Sauickie)** - Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools

**S-1680wGR/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly)** - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employment and training program

**S-2076/ACS for A-3319 (Zwicker, Greenstein/McKnight, Lampitt)** - Establishes "Twelfth Grade Postsecondary Transition Year Pilot Program" in Department of Education

**S-2535wGR/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter)** - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants

**S-2841/A-4292 (Scutari, Bramnick/Carter)** - Raises minimum amount of liability coverage for commercial motor vehicles and autocabs

**SCS forS-3080/ACS for-398 (Ruiz, Burgess/Caputo, Giblin, Tucker)** - Establishes position of Youth Disconnection Prevention and Recovery Ombudsperson; establishes "School Disconnection Prevention Task Force"; appropriates $200,000

**S-3102/A-4715 (Smith, Singleton/Stanley, Benson)** - Establishes uptime requirement for electric vehicle charging station incentive programs

**S-3176/A-4760 (Greenstein, Smith/Swain, Haider, Tully)** - Requires DEP and Drinking Water Quality Institute to perform study concerning regulation and treatment of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

**SCS for S-3632 and 3649w/GR/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano)** - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

**S-3758/A-5343 (Cryan/Karabinchak)** - Changes deadline for unaffiliated mail-in voters to declare their political party before primary election

**S-3837/A-5438 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Pintor Marin, Wimberly)** - Clarifies process for administrative appropriations to UEZs

**S-3897/A-5578 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Carter, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award annual summer tuition aid grants

**S-4040/A-5881 (Polistina, Lagana/Tully, Guardian, Swift)** - Concerns jurisdiction and operations of regional municipal courts

**S-4084/A-5851 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Moriarty, Calabrese, Moen)** - Concerns temporary registration certificates and license plates

**S-4130/A-5849 (Codey/Jasey, Tucker)** - Special legislation to change name of "Township of South Orange Village" to "South Orange Village"; changes titles of certain municipal officials; permits nonpartisan municipal elections to be moved to November; permits stipend for governing body members

**S-4206/A-5856 (Sarlo/Calabrese)** - Changes number of signatures required on primary election petition to nominate certain municipal candidates in certain municipalities

**S-4209/A-5879 (Sarlo/Pintor Marin)** - Eliminates vote on school budgets for Type II school districts in April elections, except for separate proposals to spend above cap

**S-4268/A-5911 (Scutari/Danielsen)** - Permits certain special State officers to represent cannabis businesses

**A-203/S-2884 (Rooney, Benson, Caputo/A.M. Bucco)** - Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal

**A-1100/S-995 (Calabrese, Mukherji, McKnight/Ruiz, Stack)** - Requires entities to remove abandoned lines and mark information on certain lines

**A-1107/S-770 (Chaparro, Murphy, Mukherji/Pou, Beach)** - Directs Chief Technology Officer to conduct study on impacts of redacting handwritten signatures published on State websites; allows for protocols for such redactions to be established by rules and regulations

**ACS for A-1255/SS for S-1794 (Stanley, Conaway, Benson/Gopal, Singer)** - Updates requirements and standards for authorization and prior authorization of health care services

**A-1727/S-3300 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Stanfield, Ruiz)** - Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances

**A-1729/S-3550 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight/Greenstein, Ruiz)** - Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities

**A-1755/S-2505 (McKeon, Calabrese, Conaway/Smith, Greenstein)** - Requires installation of operational automatic rain sensor or smart sprinkler as condition of sale of certain real properties, and on certain commercial, retail, and industrial properties and common interest communities within specified timeframes

**A-2146wGR/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach)** - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procurement goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

**A-2581/S-2503 (Lampitt, Park/Beach)** - Provides that certain cosmetology and hairstyling courses may be taught using distance learning technology

**A-3142/S-1564 (Moen, Moriarty, Benson/Singleton, Corrado)** - Authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans

**A-3211/S-2302 (Speight, Haider, Swain/Gopal, Ruiz)** - Establishes "New Jersey Feminine Hygiene Products for the Homeless Act"

**A-3980/S-2706 (Speight, McKnight, Atkins/Zwicker, Turner)** - Grants child placed in resource family care and resource family parents the right to be notified when case manager or supervisor is assigned to child; grants child in resource family care right to be notified of certain property and benefits

**A-4033wGR/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz)** - Extends deadline for completion of school district's annual audit

**A-4049/S-3495 (McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Benson/Vitale, Johnson)** - Provides for presumptive eligibility for home and community-based services and services provided through program of all-inclusive care for the elderly under Medicaid

**A-4105/S-4202 (Lopez, Jimenez, Quijano/Vitale, Turner)** - Establishes Interagency Council on Homelessness

**A-4183/S-4264 (Haider/Singleton)** - Concerns local unit filing requirement for certain shared services agreements

**A-4212/S-2762 (Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Ruiz, Cunningham)** - Establishes Center for Career Relevant Education and Talent Evaluation of New Jersey at Thomas Edison State University

**A-4337/S-4156 (Conaway, Atkins, Rooney/Singleton, Pou)** - Requires Department of Health to provide information to Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system regarding the location of safe disposal sites for hypodermic syringes and needles and prescription drugs

**ACS for A-4496/SCS for S-3247 (Coughlin, Lampitt, Karabinchak, Wimberly/Zwicker, Greenstein)** - Revises various provisions of law governing construction of school facilities projects and operations of New Jersey Schools Development Authority; establishes "Charter School and Renaissance School Project Facilities Loan Program" in EDA

**A-4522/S-3234 (Moen, McKnight, Quijano/Singer, Singleton)** - Requires certain disclosures by sellers of single-family homes with solar panels installed

**A-4691/S-1530 (Swain, DeAngelo, Speight/Greenstein, Zwicker)** - Requires hazard mitigation plans to include climate change-related threat assessments and hazard prevention and mitigation strategies

**A-4723/S-2740 (McKeon, Moriarty, Rooney/Codey, Scutari)** - Requires motor vehicle dealer to offer to delete personal information in motor vehicles in certain situations

**A-4791/S-3184 (Kennedy, Haider, McKeon/Diegnan, Sarlo)** - Establishes "Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge Program"

**ACS for A-4794/S-3224 (Benson, Mukherji/Singleton, Turner)** - Requires request for proposal to establish demonstration projects to develop electric vehicle charging depots serviced by distributed energy resource charging centers for certain electric vehicle use

**A-4814/S-1023 (Moen, Wimberly/Singleton, Gopal)** - Removes expected family contribution from calculation of financial need under circumstances in which public institutions of higher education may reduce student's institutional financial aid

**ACS for A-4821 and 4823wGR/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker)** - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

**A-4955/S-3531 (S. Kean, Thomson/Singer, Gopal)** - Designates portion of State Highway Route 71 as "John Tarantino Highway"

**A-5094/S-3476 (Spearman/Beach, Greenstein)** - Concerns licensing of security officer companies

**A-5227/S-3662 (Danielsen, Space/Smith, Oroho)** - Expands eligibility for "fishing buddy license" fee

**A-5285/SCS for S-3708 (Greenwald, Haider, Lopez/Greenstein, A.M. Bucco)** - Requires copies of certain law enforcement records to be provided to victims of domestic violence upon request

**A-5293/S-3746 (Greenwald, McKnight, Rooney/Gopal, Ruiz)** - Concerns New Jersey Civic Information Consortium

**A-5311/S-3061 (Verrelli, McKnight, Matsikoudis/Stanfield, Turner)** - Enters New Jersey into Counseling Compact

**A-5391/S-3765 (DeAngelo/Diegnan, Corrado)** - Imposes conditions on drivers approaching disabled vehicles

**A-5412/S-3850 (Greenwald, Swain, Jasey/Gopal, Singer)** - Establishes nonpublic school transportation program to provide funding to consortiums of nonpublic schools that will assume responsibility for mandated nonpublic school busing

**A-5416wGR/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner)** - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

**A-5442/S-3793 (Karabinchak, Conaway, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein)** - Directs BPU to conduct study to determine feasibility, marketability, and costs of implementing large-scale geothermal heat pump systems in State

**A-5462/S-3867 (Coughlin, McKnight, Speight/Vitale, Turner)** - Revises law establishing Office of Food Security Advocate, and establishes certain conditions for use of monies appropriated to emergency food organizations

**ACS for A-5495/SCS for S-3846 (Danielsen/Scutari, A.M. Bucco)** - Clarifies types of firearms allowed to be carried or transported while hunting

**A-5516/S-4047 (Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Conaway/Burgess, Turner)** - Requires certain health care professionals to undergo bias training

**A-5565/S-3971 (S. Kean, Thomson/Gopal)** - Provides that 10-year term does not apply to lease of certain municipal properties unless they are waterfront properties or related to waterfront concessions

**A-5567/S-3807 (Torrissi, Calabrese/A.M. Bucco, Sarlo)** - Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons

**A-5582/S-3781 (Swain, Simonsen/Lagana, Cryan)** - Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation

**A-5610wGR/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco)** - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons

**A-5748/S-4166 (Spearman, Moen, Moriarty/Cruz-Perez, Madden)** - Amends definition of "participating county" under County Option Hospital Fee Program

**A-5755/S-4183 (Carter, Sumter, Wimberly, Quijano/Scutari, Singleton)** - Enhances notice requirements and occupancy restrictions for hotels and multiple dwellings following determination of potentially hazardous condition

**A-5799/S-1472 (Moen, Moriarty/Beach, Stack)** - Authorizes DOT to establish and administer toll collection and enforcement system on behalf of NJ toll authorities and to enter into reciprocal agreements for enforcement of toll violations with toll authorities from other states

**A-5806/S-4165 (Moriarty, Sauickie/Greenstein, Oroho)** - Appropriates $48 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

**A-5807/S-4138 (Freiman/Johnson, Schepisi)** - Appropriates $58 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

**A-5808/S-4135 (Park, Freiman, Lopez/Beach, Turner)** - Appropriates $15,564,293 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

**A-5809/S-4097 (Swain, Lopez, Sauickie/Zwicker, Gopal)** - Amends lists of projects eligible to receive loans for environmental infrastructure projects from NJ Infrastructure Bank for FY 2024

**A-5810/S-4098 (Sampson, Sauickie, Lopez/Greenstein, Stanfield)** - Amends lists of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding by DEP under FY 2024 environmental infrastructure funding program

**A-5828/S-4201 (Lopez/Vitale)** - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus certain real property and improvements in Township of Woodbridge in Middlesex County

**A-5835/S-4134 (Greenwald, Lampitt/Beach, Turner)** - Authorizes regional authority to develop and operate regional rehabilitation and reentry center

**A-5836/S-4212 (DeAngelo, Sumter, Wimberly/Gopal, Greenstein)** - Makes supplemental appropriation of $650,000 to New Jersey Division of State Police for trooper recruitment and retention

**A-5910/S-4266 (Egan/Codey)** - Increases annual salary of certain public employees and officers

**AJR-200/SJR-138 (Park, Freiman, Calabrese/Lagana)** - Designates November 22 of each year as Kimchi Day

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:
**S-2989/A-1739 (Pou, Singer/McKeon, Quijano, Flynn)** - Makes certain for-profit debt adjusters eligible for licensing to conduct business in State

**S-3172/A-4689 (Gopal, Turner/Lampitt, Matsikoudis, McKnight)** - Establishes teacher certification route for candidates with Montessori teaching credentials

**S-3287/ACS for A-4852 and 1170 (Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Dunn, Wimberly, Calabrese, Spearman, Verrilli)** - Requires institutions of higher education to maintain supply and develop policy governing use of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for opioid overdose emergencies

**A-1476/S-930 (Benson, Dancer/Holzapfel, Diegnan)** - Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain nutrition programs and certain nonprofit organizations that offer social services from motor vehicle registration fees

**A-3642/S-665 (Wirths, Murphy, Benson, Oroho/Greenstein)** - Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf

**A-3945/S-1660 (Quijano, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter/Ruiz, Singleton)** - Establishes "Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program"; appropriates $95,000

**A-4177/S-2478 (Mosquera, Swain, McKnight, Tucker, Dunn/Ruiz, Vitale)** - Extends duration of law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment

**A-4396/S-2927 (Lampitt, Jasey, Caputo/Codey)** - Establishes timelines for review and approval by Commissioner of Education of annual certified audits submitted by approved private schools for students with disabilities

**A-4621/S-3156 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Swain/Madden)** - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.

**A-4740/S-2970 (Mukherji, DeAngelo, McKnight/Cruz-Perez, Turner)** - Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD

**A-5294/S-1825 (Greenwald, Swain, Rooney/Steinhardt, Sarlo, Doherty)** - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax

**A-5893/S-4228 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauickie/Gopal, Sarlo)** - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029