

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 is amended by changing Sections 31-10 and 31-15 as follows:

(225 ILCS 447/31-10)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

Sec. 31-10. Qualifications for licensure as a fingerprint vendor.

(a) A person is qualified for licensure as a fingerprint vendor if he or she meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Is at least 18 years of age.

(2) Has not been convicted of any felony in any jurisdiction or at least 10 years have elapsed since the time of full discharge from a sentence imposed for a felony conviction.

(3) Is of good moral character. Good moral character is a continuing requirement of licensure. Conviction of crimes other than felonies may be used in determining moral character, but shall not constitute an absolute bar to licensure, except where the applicant is a registered sex offender.

(4) Has not been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be incompetent by reason of mental or physical defect or disease, unless a court has subsequently declared him or her to be competent.

(5) Is not suffering from dependence on alcohol or from narcotic addiction or dependence.

(6) Has not been dishonorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

(7) Submits certification issued by the Department of State Police that the applicant has successfully completed a fingerprint vendor training course conducted or authorized by the Department of State Police.

(8) Submits his or her fingerprints, in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section.

(9) Has not violated any provision of this Act or any rule adopted under this Act.

(10) Provides evidence satisfactory to the Department that the applicant has obtained general liability insurance in an amount and with coverage as determined by rule. Failure to maintain general liability insurance and failure to provide the Department with written proof of the insurance, upon request, shall result in cancellation of the license without hearing. A fingerprint vendor employed by a licensed fingerprint vendor agency may provide proof that his or her actions as a fingerprint vendor are covered by the liability insurance of his or her employer.

(11) Pays the required licensure fee.

(12) (Blank). ~~Submits certification issued by the Department of State Police that the applicant's fingerprinting equipment and software meets all specifications required by the Department of State Police. Compliance with Department of State Police fingerprinting equipment and software specifications is a continuing requirement for licensure.~~

(13) Submits proof that the applicant maintains a business office located in the State of Illinois.

(14) Provides proof of compliance with subsection (e) of Section 31-15 of this Act if the applicant is not required to obtain a fingerprint vendor agency license pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 31-15 of this Act.

(b) Each applicant for a fingerprint vendor license shall have his or her fingerprints submitted to the Department of State Police in an electronic format that complies with the form and manner for requesting and furnishing criminal history record information as prescribed by the Department of State Police. These fingerprints shall be checked against the Department of State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record databases now and hereafter filed. The Department of State Police shall charge applicants a fee for conducting the criminal history records check, which shall be deposited in the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the records check. The Department of

State Police shall furnish, pursuant to positive identification, records of Illinois convictions to the Department. The Department may require applicants to pay a separate fingerprinting fee, either to the Department or directly to the vendor. The Department, in its discretion, may allow an applicant who does not have reasonable access to a designated vendor to provide his or her fingerprints in an alternative manner. The Department, in its discretion, may also use other procedures in performing or obtaining criminal background checks of applicants. Instead of submitting his or her fingerprints, an individual may submit proof that is satisfactory to the Department that an equivalent security clearance has been conducted. Also, an individual who has retired as a peace officer within 12 months of application may submit verification, on forms provided by the Department and signed by his or her employer, of his or her previous full-time employment as a peace officer.

(Source: P.A. 95-613, eff. 9-11-07.)

(225 ILCS 447/31-15)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2024)

Sec. 31-15. Qualifications for licensure as a fingerprint vendor agency.

(a) Upon receipt of the required fee, compliance with subsection (e) of this Section, and proof that the applicant has a full-time Illinois licensed fingerprint vendor

licensee-in-charge, which is a continuing requirement for agency licensure, the Department may issue a license as a fingerprint vendor agency to any of the following:

(1) An individual who submits an application and is a licensed fingerprint vendor under this Act.

(2) A firm that submits an application and all of the members of the firm are licensed fingerprint vendors under this Act.

(3) A corporation or limited liability company doing business in Illinois that is authorized to engage in the business of conducting a fingerprint vendor agency if at least one officer or executive employee is a licensed fingerprint vendor under this Act and all unlicensed officers and directors of the corporation or limited liability company are determined by the Department to be persons of good moral character.

(b) An individual licensed as a fingerprint vendor operating under a business name other than the licensed fingerprint vendor's own name shall not be required to obtain a fingerprint vendor agency license if that licensed fingerprint vendor does not employ any persons to provide fingerprinting services. However, in either circumstance, the individual shall comply with the requirements of subsection (e) of this Section as a requirement for licensure.

(c) No fingerprint vendor may be the licensee-in-charge for more than one fingerprint vendor agency. Upon written request

by a representative of the agency, within 10 days after the loss of a licensee-in-charge of an agency because of the death of that individual or because of the termination of the employment of that individual, the Department shall issue a temporary certificate of authority allowing the continuing operation of the licensed agency. No temporary certificate of authority shall be valid for more than 90 days. An extension of an additional 90 days may be granted upon written request by the representative of the agency. Not more than 2 extensions may be granted to any agency. No temporary permit shall be issued for loss of the licensee-in-charge because of disciplinary action by the Department related to his or her conduct on behalf of the agency.

(d) Upon issuance of the temporary certificate of authority as provided for in subsection (c) of this Section and at any time thereafter while the temporary certificate of authority is in effect, the Department may request in writing additional information from the agency regarding the loss of its licensee-in-charge, the selection of a new licensee-in-charge, and the management of the agency. Failure of the agency to respond or respond to the satisfaction of the Department shall cause the Department to deny any extension of the temporary certificate of authority. While the temporary certificate of authority is in effect, the Department may disapprove the selection of a new licensee-in-charge by the agency if the person's license is not operative or the Department has good

cause to believe that the person selected will not fully exercise the responsibilities of a licensee-in-charge. If the Department has disapproved the selection of a new licensee-in-charge and the temporary certificate of authority expires or is about to expire without the agency selecting another new licensee-in-charge, the Department shall grant an extension of the temporary certificate of authority for an additional 90 days, except as otherwise prohibited in subsection (c) or this subsection (d).

(e) An applicant shall submit certification issued by the Department of State Police that the applicant's fingerprinting equipment and software meets all specifications required by the Department of State Police. Compliance with Department of State Police fingerprinting equipment and software specifications is a continuing requirement for licensure.

(Source: P.A. 98-253, eff. 8-9-13.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.