

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/11/16

**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Meeting Dates:** 02/03, 02/11

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sprenger, Vega Pederson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits an entity that employs private security officers to use name that implies entity is, or is affiliated with, an existing law enforcement unit, public safety agency, organized militia, Armed Forces, or federal agency. Allows businesses currently in operation to continue using name even if not in compliance with prohibition. Provides rulemaking authority to Board of Public Safety Standards and Training. Become operative July 1, 2016. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Prevent confusion on whether private security professional is a law enforcement officer
- No reported instances of consumer complaints
- Need to allow businesses currently in operation to continue
- Effects of amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies reach of prohibition. Allows for grandfathering of businesses currently in operation.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is responsible for certifying a wide range of law enforcement and security service professionals. Unarmed private security professionals must have at least a high school diploma or GED and pass a background check and complete a 14 hour live classroom training. Basic police training requires successful completion of a 640 hour (16 week) Basic Police Course.

House Bill 4142 A prohibits a company that employs private security professionals from using a name that implies the company is associated with law enforcement agencies. It grandfathers in businesses currently in operation and provides rulemaking authority to the Board of Public Safety Standards and Training on the issue.