

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

MEASURE: HB 4142 A

CARRIER: Sen. Prozanski

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/22/16

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 02/22

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Gelser, Kruse, Prozanski, Rosenbaum, Thatcher

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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:

- Prohibition on using name that could be confused with law enforcement or federal agency
- Need for grandfathering of business names currently in use
- Rulemaking authority to Board of Public Safety Standards and Training
- Effects of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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.