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Bail Enforcement Agent

Sec. 29-152o-1. Application procedure for bail enforcement agent license

(a) Any person desiring to engage in the business of a bail enforcement agent shall complete form DPS-10-c (Rev. 7/97) as provided by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Each applicant for a license shall provide the Commissioner with the requested documents and records as specified in the application form.

(b) An application form may be obtained from the Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit or from any State Police Troop.

(c) Upon receipt of an application, the Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit, shall review such application for completeness and for compliance with the provisions of sections 29-152o-1 to 29-152o-8, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(Adopted effective October 1, 1997)

Sec. 29-152o-2. Fee and term of license

The fee for a license to do business in this state as a bail enforcement agent shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The fee shall be payable by a certified check or money order made payable to the Department of Public Safety. Each such license shall be for a term not to exceed one year.

(Adopted effective October 1, 1997)

Sec. 29-152o-3. Persons disqualified

(a) No person who has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude shall be licensed to do business as a bail enforcement agent in this state.

(b) No person engaged in law enforcement or vested with police powers shall be licensed to do business as a bail enforcement agent.

(Adopted effective October 1, 1997)

Sec. 29-152o-4. Course of study in the criminal justice system

Within five (5) years prior to the date of his application, an applicant for a bail enforcement agent license shall have successfully completed a course in the criminal justice system consisting of not less than twenty (20) hours of study approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. In determining whether he shall approve a course in the criminal justice system, the commissioner shall take into consideration the topics, if any, of the course and their relationship to the business of a bail enforcement agent. A course of study of not less than twenty (20) hours approved by the commissioner in one or a combination of any of the following, or their equivalent, shall meet the requirement:

- (1) Use of force to make an arrest or to prevent escape;
- (2) Laws of arrest;
- (3) Criminal procedure and laws concerning searches and seizures; or
- (4) Constitutional law or the criminal justice system.

(Adopted effective October 1, 1997)

Sec. 29-152o-5. Course of study in safety and use of firearms

(a) In accordance with the provisions of section 10 of public act 97-287, no bail enforcement agent licensed under sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of said public act shall carry a pistol, revolver or other firearm while engaging in the business of a bail enforcement agent or while traveling to or from such business unless he obtains a

special permit from the Commissioner of Public Safety in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The commissioner may grant to any bail enforcement agent licensed under sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of public act 97-287, a permit to carry a pistol or revolver or other firearm while engaging in the business of bail enforcement agent or while traveling to or from such business, provided that he has proven to the satisfaction of the commissioner that he has successfully completed a course, approved by the commissioner, of training in the safety and use of firearms.

(c) For purposes of this section, any person who has successfully completed a course conducted by a school approved by the commissioner under the provisions of section 29-161b of the Connecticut General Statutes and any regulation adopted under said section, shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this section.

(Adopted effective October 1, 1997)

Sec. 29-152o-6. Renewal of license

Each person licensed as a bail enforcement agent may apply for a renewal of his license upon renewal application forms provided by the Commissioner of Public Safety not later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of his license. For purposes of this section, a bail enforcement agent shall complete form DPS-10-c (Rev. 7/97) to apply for renewal of his license to engage in the business of a bail enforcement agent. Prior to reviewing such a license, the commissioner shall, from information disclosed on such forms, determine whether or not such agent's fitness to continue in the business of a bail enforcement agent has changed since the issuance of any prior license.

(Adopted effective October 1, 1997)

Sec. 29-152o-7. Fee and term for renewal of license

The fee for renewal of a bail enforcement agent's license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The fee shall be payable by a certified check or money order made payable to the Department of Public Safety. Each such license shall be for a term not to exceed one year.

(Adopted effective October 1, 1997)

Sec. 29-152o-8. Suspension or revocation of a bail enforcement agent's license

(a) Any bail enforcement agent's license may be suspended or revoked by the Commissioner of Public Safety, provided notice shall have been given to the licensee to appear before the commissioner to show cause why the license should not be suspended or revoked, upon a finding by the commissioner that:

(1) The licensee has violated any of the terms or provisions of sections 1 to 10, inclusive, of public act 97-287 or sections 29-152o-1 to 29-152o-8, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies;

(2) The licensee has practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;

(3) The licensee has made a material misstatement in the application for issuance or renewal of his license;

(4) The licensee has demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in the conduct of his business;

(5) The licensee has been convicted of a felony or other crime affecting his honesty, integrity or moral fitness.

(b) Any party aggrieved by an order of the commissioner under subsection (a) of this section may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section

4-183 of the Connecticut General Statutes, except venue for such appeal shall be in the judicial district of Hartford-New Britain.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of section 4-182(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, if the Department of Public Safety finds that public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a bail enforcement agent license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.

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