

The Office of the Governor has temporarily suspended “those portions of Chapter 1702 of the Texas Occupations Code and Title 37, Chapter 35 of the Texas Administrative Code necessary for the Texas Department of Public Safety to allow private security personnel licensed and in good standing in another U.S. state to perform private security duties in Texas.”

Accordingly the Department of Public Safety will refrain from enforcing the Private Security Act provisions and related administrative rules requiring a Texas-issued license for those seeking to provide the services of a private security guard company, with the following stipulations:

- The private security service provider must be licensed to provide security guard services in another state and must provide the Department with a copy of the license and proof the company license is in good standing, and must complete and submit the Department’s application, Form PSB-01. See below for further instructions.
- The private security service provider must provide proof of general liability insurance, as required by Texas Occupations Code §1702.125, with the minimum limits of \$100,000 for each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, \$50,000 for each occurrence for personal injury, and a total aggregate amount of \$200,000 for all occurrences.
- All individuals who will be providing services as private security officers must be employed by a company meeting the above requirements, and must be registered or licensed in the state in which the employing company is licensed.
- Only a security officer currently commissioned in another state may perform duties as an armed security officer in Texas under this exemption. The security officer must submit documentation from the licensing agency of the particular state establishing the individual has passed a state and federal criminal history background check and is not federally disqualified from possessing a firearm.

The suspension of statutes and rules is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the Tropical Depression Harvey disaster declaration is lifted or expires. Payment of fees is waived during this period. Copy of an existing license, proof of good standing and proof of minimum insurance shall be submitted on a PSB-01 form which can be downloaded from the DPS website located at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/psb/forms/index.htm> and sent by email to [RSD\\_LRS\\_PSP2@dps.texas.gov](mailto:RSD_LRS_PSP2@dps.texas.gov).

To search for an existing private security company in your local area, please utilize the Texas DPS Private Security licensing website located at <https://tops.portal.texas.gov/>. Please contact the Texas DPS Private Security Program at 512-424-7293 if you have any questions or need additional information.