

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-01

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Definitions.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.01, 4749.10, 4749.06, 4749.03
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule defines terms for Chapter 4501:7-1 of the Administrative Code and explains materials incorporated by reference for Privates Investigator and Security Guard Services. Terms have been added, and materials incorporated by reference have been updated.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

"Employee Registration Application," form "PSU 0015," dated March 2024
 "Employee Registration Renewal," form "PSU 0017," dated March 2024
 "Firearm Bearer Notation Application," form "PSU 0016," dated March 2024
 "Multiple Change Application," form "PSU 0011," dated March 2024
 "Provider Application," form "PSU 0006," dated September 2025
 "Provider Branch Office Application," form "PSU 0010," dated March 2024
 "Qualifying Agent Application," form "PSU 0007," dated September 2025
 "WebCheck Instructions," form "PSU 0019," dated March 2024
 "Waiver," form "PSU 0060" dated August 2023
 "Provider and Qualifying Agent License Renewal," form "PSU 0063" dated September 2025
 "Out of State License Verification," form "PSU 0069" dated March 2024

To comply with R.C. 121.741 to 121.74, this rule addresses each form by including title, date of publication, and specific information regarding how a reader is to access the material or the form is filed as a part of this package.

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not applicable.

13. **What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Not applicable

14. **Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

15. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

16. **If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicalble.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. **Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**

18. **Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? No**

A. **Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No**

B. **Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No**

C. **Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No**

D. **Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No**

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?

Not Applicable

B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule?

Not Applicable

C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.

Not Applicable

D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-01

Definitions.

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in Chapter 4501:7-1 of the Administrative Code can be found in paragraph (M) of this rule.]

- (A) "Department" means the Ohio department of public safety.
- (B) "Director" means the director of the Ohio department of public safety or designee.
- (C) "Military" means any of the armed forces of the United States, a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any other state, the Ohio military reserve, and the Ohio naval militia.
- (D) "Identification card" or "I.D. card" means a digital card issued by the department to an employee of, or a qualifying agent of, a class A, class B, or class C licensee which contains the personal and employer information set forth in sections 4749.03 and 4749.06 of the Revised Code. ~~An~~ A digital identification card shall, when applicable, contain one or more firearm bearer notations as specified in division (A)(3) of section 4749.10 of the Revised Code.
- (E) "Investigator" has the same meaning as "private investigator," set forth in division (A) of section 4749.01 of the Revised Code.
- (F) "Licensee" refers to a person or entity licensed under section 4749.03 of the Revised Code to provide private investigative services, security services, or both.
- (G) "Provider" means any person who engages in the business of private investigation, the business of security services, or both, and has the same meaning as "licensee."
- (H) "Qualifying Agent" is the owner, officer or a hired person of the company that fulfills the experience requirements as stated in Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code.
- (I) "Veteran" means anyone who is serving or has served under honorable conditions in any component of the armed forces, including the national guard and reserve.
- (J) "Working hours" means any hours in an active pay status.
- (K) "Waiver" means form PSU 0060, supplied from a licensee to the person who receives, for hire, security guard or investigate services acknowledging that the employee(s) have not completed registration and agreeing to their employment.
- (L) "Applicant for licensure" means an entity applying for licensure, as well as an owner, partner, or associate of the entity applying for licensure.

(M) Incorporated materials:

- (1) "Employee Registration Application," form "PSU 0015," dated March 2024~~May 2020~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>;
- (2) "Employee Registration Renewal," form "PSU 0017," dated March 2024~~October 2015~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>;
- (3) "Firearm Bearer Notation Application," form "PSU 0016," dated March 2024~~May 2020~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>;
- (4) "Multiple Change Application," form "PSU 0011," dated March 2024~~April 2014~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>;
- (5) "Provider Application," form "PSU 0006," dated September 2025~~May 2014~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>;
- (6) "Provider Branch Office Application," form "PSU 0010," dated March 2024~~April 2014~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>;
- (7) "Qualifying Agent Application," form "PSU 0007," dated September 2025~~May 2014~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>;
- ~~(8) "Qualifying Agent Renewal," form "PSU 0053," dated May 2014, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>;~~
- ~~(9)~~(8) "WebCheck Instructions," form "PSU 0019," dated March 2024~~December 2014~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>; ~~and~~
- ~~(10)~~(9) "Waiver," form "PSU 0060" dated August 2023~~March 2016~~, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>.
- (10) "Provider and Qualifying Agent License Renewal," form "PSU 0063" dated September 2025; and
- (11) "Out of State License Verification," form "PSU 0069" dated March 2024, may be obtained at <http://www.pisgs.ohio.gov>.

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
Statutory Authority: 4749.02
Rule Amplifies: 4749.01, 4749.10, 4749.06, 4749.03
Prior Effective Dates: 08/10/1989, 01/01/2015, 12/01/2018, 03/01/2021

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-02
Rule Type: Amendment
Rule Title/Tagline: Reputation for integrity.
Agency Name: Department of Public Safety
Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services
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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.03
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule establishes factors by which the Ohio Department of Public Safety can determine the integrity of applicants for licensure.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule is amended to rename the rule, remove the listed requirement for good reputation for integrity to comply with Section 9.79 of the Revised Code, and remove the consideration of a misdemeanor within one year of date of application for licensure.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Not applicable.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes

18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes

A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No

This rule, in and of itself, does not require prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business. However, as part of this filing package it does, as pursuant to sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services.

B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application for licensure to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No

D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?

Not Applicable

- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule?**

Not Applicable

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**

Not Applicable

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-02

~~Reputation for integrity~~ Licensure qualifications.

When determining whether an applicant for licensure ~~has a good reputation for integrity pursuant to division (A)(1)(a) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code~~ meets the qualifications for a license, the department of public safety may consider:

~~(A) If the applicant has been convicted of, or plead guilty to, a misdemeanor within one year of the date of application;~~

~~(B)~~(A) If the applicant has been convicted of, or plead guilty to, a felony within three years of the date of application;

~~(C)~~(B) If the applicant has ever operated a business of private investigation, business of security services, or both without being licensed under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code;

~~(D)~~(C) If the applicant has ever operated a business of private investigation, business of security services or both without general liability insurance coverage while licensed under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code; or

~~(E)~~(D) If the applicant has ever violated any provision of Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code or the rules promulgated thereunder or any order of the department, or any laws or regulations of another state or jurisdiction in the regulation of private investigation or security services.

~~(F)~~(E) If the applicant for licensure has defaulted on a settlement agreement, adjudication order, or cease and desist order with the department.

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Date

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Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-03
Rule Type: Amendment
Rule Title/Tagline: Requirement of new license.
Agency Name: Department of Public Safety
Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services
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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.03
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with requirements for a new license when there are changes to a

licensee. The rule is amended to change the renewal requirement to every two years instead of annually.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not applicable

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Stakeholders who are required to obtain a new license will be required to pay a new license fee of \$200.00, as set forth in rules 4501:7-1-04, 4501:7-1-08, and 4501:7-1-17, which does not exceed the cost provided for in section 4749.03 of the Revised Code. This is reduction from \$375.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**
- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**
- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes

18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes

A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes

In accordance with this rule, current licensees are required to obtain a new license if they meet any of the provisions set forth in this rule before continuing to operate a business. Further, Pursuant to sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services.

B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes

Pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.03, and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation or the business of security services.

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes

Stakeholders who are required to obtain a new license will be required to pay a new license fee of \$200.00, as set forth in rules 4501:7-1-04, 4501:7-1-08, and 4501:7-1-17, which does not exceed the cost provided for in section 4749.03 of the Revised Code. This rule requires the report of certain information. A licensee experiencing a change of address for its principal place of business, a change of name, a change in contact information, or the discontinuation of the business itself or any branch operations must report that information, in writing, to PISGS within ten days of the effective date of the triggering event.

- D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? Yes**

The rule requires a fee of \$200 as allowable by 4749.03 of the ORC for business that need a new license due to a change in the class of license or failure to renew a license. This is reduced from \$375.

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

- 19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No**

- A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?**

Not Applicable

- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule?**

Not Applicable

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**

Not Applicable

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-03

Requirement of new license.

(A) A new license is required where there is:

(1) A change in the class of a license; or

(2) Failure to renew a current license by the licensee by the first day of March ~~each~~
year every two years.

(B) The department of public safety shall be notified in writing within ten days of any change in the controlling interest of a corporation, any change in officers of a corporation, any change of partners of a partnership, any increase or decrease in the number of partners of a partnership or any change in the legal name of the licensee.

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Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
Statutory Authority: 4749.02
Rule Amplifies: 4749.03
Prior Effective Dates: 01/01/1970, 07/07/1978, 08/10/1989, 10/07/2004,
01/01/2015, 03/01/2021

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-04

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: License applications.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

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 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
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4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.03
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

This rule outlines certain requirements and the requisite forms necessary to apply for licensure. The rule is amended to remove outdated modes of application including paying by check or money order, and the requirement for a passport style photograph. Additionally, fingerprints must be obtained within thirty days prior to the filing of an application for license instead of one year.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

The rule directs readers to rule 4501:7-1-01 that deal with incorporation by reference.

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

The estimated costs of compliance for stakeholders include the initial license fee of \$200.00, the qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background check is estimated to be \$24.00.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

15. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C).** No
16. **If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. **Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office?** Yes
18. **Does this rule have an adverse impact on business?** Yes
- A. **Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business?** Yes

Pursuant to sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services.

- B. **Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms?** Yes

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application for licensure to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

- C. **Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance?** Yes

The estimated costs of compliance for stakeholders include the initial license fee of \$200.00, the qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent

elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background check is estimated to be \$24.00.

- D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? Yes**

The fees are required for applications required under 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code.

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

- 19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes**

- A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?**

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- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 1**

Paragraph (C) last stricken sentence - "(C)..."A passport style... must be submitted...."

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-04

License applications.

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (M) of rule 4501:7-1-01 of the Administrative Code.]

- (A) As used in this chapter, "provider" and "licensee" have the same meaning as, and refer to, the holder of a class A, class B, or class C license issued in accordance with this chapter and Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code.
- (B) Each applicant for a class A, class B, or class C license shall submit a "Provider Application" to the director of the department of public safety (department) via the online database accompanied by the license fee provided for in section 4749.03 of the Revised Code. A "Branch Office Application" shall be submitted for each additional business location via the online database accompanied by the branch license fee provided for in section 4749.05 of the Revised Code. ~~The license fee may be paid by check or money order payable to Ohio treasurer of state, or if submitted on-line, may be paid electronically.~~
- (C) Each "Provider Application" must be accompanied by a "Qualifying Agent Application" and the qualifying agent (QA) examination fee provided for in division (A)(1)(e) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code. ~~The examination fee may be paid by certified check or money order payable to Ohio treasurer of state, or if submitted on-line, may be paid electronically. A passport-style photograph taken within one year of submission, and bearing a reasonable likeness to the applicant must be submitted with the "Qualifying Agent Application."~~
- (1) The fingerprint impressions submitted under division (C)(1) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code shall not have been obtained more than ~~one year~~ thirty days prior to the filing of the application for a license, as outlined on "WebCheck Instructions."
- (2) If a qualifying agent intends to carry a firearm in the course of business or employment, the QA shall comply with the provision of section 4749.10 of the Revised Code and rule 4501:7-1-21 of the Administrative Code.
- (3) If the results of the criminal records check described in division (C)(1) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code indicate that the applicant may have a criminal record in one or more jurisdictions or in one or more states other than Ohio, the director may make further inquiries and request further information from the applicant in order to complete the investigation of the applicant.
- (D) The "Provider Application" and "Qualifying Agent Application" shall include a question that easily identifies the applicant for licensure and applicant for QA as a

veteran or as the spouse of a veteran. Applicants currently serving in the military must provide a copy of their military identification card or that of their spouse, or a veteran must provide a copy of their DD214 or that of their spouse along with the application, which will allow the department to verify the identification of the applicant as a veteran or spouse of a veteran. Processing of applications for veterans or their spouses shall, to the extent possible, be expedited and prioritized.

- (E) When all requirements for application are met, the application for a license shall be approved, and a wall license will be issued along with the approved, digital QA registration card.

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

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Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-06

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Required experience.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.03
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with mandatory, minimum amount of experience hours an applicant must have in order to be licensed by PISGS to engage in security guard services, private investigation, or both. The rule is amended to allow significant experience as a peace officer as defined in 2935.01 (B) of the Revised Code in the last twenty years, as opposed to ten years, to be equivalent required experience.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Applicants are required to provide proof of experience and training to become a qualified agent. If seeking equivalency consideration for experience, the following would be required to be provided (report of information): A certified college transcript would be required for Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement education experience (approximate cost \$10); A DD 214 would be required for military police experience; and a copy of an Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission would be required for law enforcement experience.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

15. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C).** No
16. **If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. **Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office?** Yes
18. **Does this rule have an adverse impact on business?** Yes
- A. **Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business?** No

This rule, in and of itself, does not require prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business. However, as part of this filing package it does, as pursuant to sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services.

- B. **Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms?**
Yes

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application for licensure to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

- C. **Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance?** Yes

Applicants are required to provide proof of experience and training to become a qualified agent. If seeking equivalency consideration for experience, the following would be required to be provided (report of information): A certified

college transcript would be required for Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement education experience (approximate cost \$10); A DD 214 would be required for military police experience; and a copy of an Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission would be required for law enforcement experience.

- D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No**

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

- 19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No**

- A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?**

Not Applicable

- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule?**

Not Applicable

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**

Not Applicable

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-06

Required experience.

- (A) Except as provided in paragraphs (B) and (C) of this rule, an applicant for a class B license shall have at least four thousand working hours of experience in investigatory work, an applicant for a class C license shall have at least four thousand working hours of experience in security services work, and an applicant for a class A license shall have at least four thousand working hours of experience consisting of at least one thousand working hours of experience in investigatory work and at least one thousand working hours of experience in security services work, and the remaining hours of working experience in either investigatory or security service work, or both. An applicant must have completed the hours required in this paragraph in the twenty-four month period immediately preceding the date an application for licensure is received by the department of public safety.
- (B) Equivalent experience such as, but not limited to, specialized education in criminal justice or law enforcement, or honorable service in the military police or similar military security position in any of the branches of the armed forces of the United States, or significant experience as a law enforcement officer, as defined in division (A)(11) of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code, or as a peace officer as defined in division (B) of section 2935.01 of the Revised Code obtained within the last ~~ten~~twenty years prior to the date of application, may be deemed by the director of public safety to be sufficient to satisfy the experience requirement.
- (C) If specialized education as defined in paragraph (B) of this rule is submitted as equivalent experience, an applicant for a class A license shall also have at least one thousand working hours of experience in investigatory work and at least one thousand working hours in security services work, an applicant for a class B license shall have at least two thousand working hours of experience in investigatory work, and an applicant for a class C license shall have at least two thousand working hours of experience in security services work.
- (D) Equivalent experience such as, but not limited to, management in the business of private investigation, management in the business of security services, or both, may be deemed by the director of public safety to be sufficient to satisfy the experience requirement as defined in paragraph (A) of this rule.

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
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Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-08
Rule Type: Amendment
Rule Title/Tagline: License.
Agency Name: Department of Public Safety
Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services
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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.03, 4749.05
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule requires that any license obtained from PISGS under the provision of section 4749.05 must be prominently displayed in the licensee's principal place of business. The rule is amended to change reference to renewal to every two years as well as correct a typo.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

The rule directs readers to rule 4501:7-1-01 that deal with incorporation by reference.

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

The estimated costs of compliance for stakeholders include the initial license fee of \$200.00, the qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background. This rule also requires that licensees who maintain one or more branch office locations shall pay a fee of \$100 for each branch office in accordance with section 4749.05 of the Revised Code. This rule also sets forth the renewal process for licenses. The annual costs to renew a Class A, Class B, and Class C license include a \$550.00 biennial application fee, a \$10.00 fee to renew the qualifying agent's record in the retained fingerprint database, and a \$15.00 fee to renew a qualifying agent's firearm bearer

notation, if applicable. If a stakeholder requests a replacement license due to a license being lost, spoiled, or damaged, a \$25 fee is required. There is no fee to change a licensee's address, contact information, mailing address, business name or trade name.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**
- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**
- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

The fees are contained in other rules, however, this rule cites those rules, and fees are charged based on the allowable amount by the Revised Code for the review and collection of documentation related to all license application.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

- 17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**
- 18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes**
 - A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes**

In accordance with this rule, current licensees are required to obtain a separate license or each business branch before engaging in business from that location. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services.

- B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes**

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application for licensure to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of

any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes

The estimated costs of compliance for stakeholders include the initial license fee of \$200.00, the qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background. This rule also requires that licensees who maintain one or more branch office locations shall pay a fee of \$100 for each branch office in accordance with section 4749.05 of the Revised Code. This rule also sets forth the renewal process for licenses. The annual costs to renew a Class A, Class B, and Class C license include a \$550.00 biennial application fee, a \$10.00 fee to renew the qualifying agent's record in the retained fingerprint database, and a \$15.00 fee to renew a qualifying agent's firearm bearer notation, if applicable. If a stakeholder requests a replacement license due to a license being lost, spoiled, or damaged, a \$25 fee is required. There is no fee to change a licensee's address, contact information, mailing address, business name or trade name.

D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? Yes

The expenses would be based on how many branches a licensee wishes to operate.

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?

Not Applicable

B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule?

Not Applicable

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**

Not Applicable

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-08

License.

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (M) of rule 4501:7-1-01 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) The license required to be obtained by each licensee under the provisions of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code shall at all times be posted in a conspicuous place in the principal place of business of the licensee.

(1) Licensees shall, within ten days, notify the department of public safety (department) in writing using the "Multiple Change Application" or update online, of any change of address of such principal place of business, or of any change of the business name or trade name designation under which the business is conducted or contact information. A licensee shall not have a name so similar to that of another licensee as to be confusing or likely to mislead the public. A business name or trade name designation can be used by no more than one licensee, except that licensees operating under valid franchise agreements with a lawfully registered franchisor may operate under the same name.

(2) In the event that a business of a licensee is discontinued for any reason, the licensee shall notify the department in writing and immediately return the license and the qualifying agent(s) identification card(s).

(B) Each licensee who maintains one or more branch offices shall obtain a branch office license pursuant to the provisions of division (A) of section 4749.05 of the Revised Code for each of such branch offices by submitting a "Provider Branch Office Application" accompanied by the fee provided for in section 4749.05 of the Revised Code. The fee may be paid by certified check or money order payable to Ohio treasurer of state, or if submitted on-line, may be paid electronically.

(1) Licensees shall, within 48 hours, notify the department in writing using the "Multiple Change Application" or update online of any change of address at such branch office.

(2) In the event of suspension, revocation or nonrenewal of the license under which the licensee is authorized to conduct the business of private investigation or security services, or if such business is discontinued for any other reason, the licensee shall immediately return all branch office licenses to the department.

(C) All licenses shall expire ~~annually~~ every two years on the first day of March following the date of issuance under the provisions of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code.

- (1) On the second day of January of ~~each~~the year a license is due to expire, the department will notify the licensee by e-mail that the license will expire on March first, and must be renewed after January second and by midnight of March first if the company wants to remain in business.
 - (2) Each class A, class B, or class C licensee shall submit a "Provider and Qualifying Agent License Renewal" ~~accompanied~~accompanied by the renewal fee provided for in section 4749.03 of the Revised Code or may renew on-line at <http://pisgs.ohio.gov/pisgs.stm>. The fee may be paid by certified check or money order payable to Ohio treasurer of state, or if submitted on-line, may be paid electronically. A passport style photograph , taken within one year of submission, and bearing a reasonable likeness to the qualifying agent (QA) must be submitted with the "Provider and Qualifying Agent Renewal." The QA must continue to meet the qualifications set forth in section 4749.03 of the Revised Code.
- (D) Pursuant to sections 4749.03 and 5903.10 of the Revised Code, the holder of an expired license, who was a member of the uniformed services, or the spouse of a member of the uniformed services, shall be granted a renewal of the license at the usual cost and without penalty if either of the following applies:
- (1) The license was not renewed because the holder was in active service in the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any other state.
 - (2) The license was not renewed because the holder's spouse was in active service in the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any other state, and the service resulted in the holder's absence from this state.

A renewal shall not be granted unless the holder or the spouse of the holder, whichever is applicable, has presented satisfactory evidence of the service member's discharge under honorable conditions or release under honorable conditions from active duty or national guard duty within six months after the release or discharge.

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
Statutory Authority: 4749.02
Rule Amplifies: 4749.03, 4749.05
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Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-09

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Registration of employees.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.06
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

This rule sets forth the requirements for, and process by which, each licensee shall register all persons in his or her employ who are private investigators or security guards. The rule is amended to remove outdated modes of registrations including paying by check or money order, and the requirement for a passport style photograph.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

The rule directs readers to rule 4501:7-1-01 that deals with incorporation by reference.

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

The estimated costs of compliance for stakeholders include the initial license fee of \$200.00, the qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background. This rule also requires that licensees who maintain one or more branch office locations shall pay a fee of \$100 for each branch office in accordance with section 4749.05 of the Revised Code. This rule also sets forth the renewal process for licenses. The annual costs to renew a Class A, Class B, and Class C license include a \$550.00 biennial application fee, a \$10.00 fee to renew the qualifying agent's record in the retained fingerprint database, and a \$15.00 fee to renew a qualifying agent's firearm bearer

notation, if applicable. If a stakeholder requests a replacement license due to a license being lost, spoiled, or damaged, a \$25 fee is required. There is no fee to change a licensee's address, contact information, mailing address, business name or trade name.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**
- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**
- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Fees that go to the PISGS section are for the review and collection of required documents. Other fees such as the background checks are set by the agencies that provide them, and the fee for the passport style photograph is at the discretion of the vendor providing it.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

- 17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**
- 18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes**
 - A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes**

Pursuant to Sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services. Once licensed, a business must register its employees in accordance with this rule.

- B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes**

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application for licensure to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of

any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes

The estimated costs of compliance for stakeholders include the initial license fee of \$200.00, the qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background. This rule also requires that licensees who maintain one or more branch office locations shall pay a fee of \$100 for each branch office in accordance with section 4749.05 of the Revised Code. This rule also sets forth the renewal process for licenses. The annual costs to renew a Class A, Class B, and Class C license include a \$550.00 biennial application fee, a \$10.00 fee to renew the qualifying agent's record in the retained fingerprint database, and a \$15.00 fee to renew a qualifying agent's firearm bearer notation, if applicable. If a stakeholder requests a replacement license due to a license being lost, spoiled, or damaged, a \$25 fee is required. There is no fee to change a licensee's address, contact information, mailing address, business name or trade name.

If an employee is terminated from employment by a licensee, that termination must be reported to PISGS with ten days after the employee is removed from the payroll. The termination also requires a return of the employee's registration card. At the end of each quarter of the calendar year, every licensee is required to file a report with PISGS listing its current roster of registered employees. These reports are available on-line and have minimal financial impact on the stakeholder.

D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? Yes

The qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background.

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?

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B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 1

Paragraph (B) second stricken sentence - "A passport style... must be submitted...."

C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.

The restriction in former paragraph (B)(2)(a) was move into its own additional paragraph under (B)(2).

D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-09

Registration of employees.

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (M) of rule 4501:7-1-01 of the Administrative Code.]

- (A) Each licensee shall register their investigator and security guard employees with the department of public safety (department).
- (B) Each licensee shall submit an ~~"Employee Registration Application"~~application online to register a new investigator or security guard employee with the department accompanied by the registration fee provided for in section 4749.06 of the Revised Code. ~~The registration fee may be paid by check or money order payable to Ohio treasurer of state, or if submitted on-line, may be paid electronically. A passport style photograph, taken within one year of submission, and bearing a reasonable likeness to the applicant must be submitted with the "Employee Registration Application."~~ The completed application including submitted fingerprints for a BCI background check, must be submitted no later than seven calendar days after the employee's date of hire.
- (1) The licensee must submit verification of the employee's name, date of birth, registrant's e-mail address and social security number.
- (2) The fingerprint impressions submitted under division (B)(2) of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code shall not have been obtained more than ~~one year~~thirty days prior to the filing of the employee's application for registration, as outlined on "WebCheck Instructions."

If an employee intends to carry a firearm in the course of business or employment, the employee shall comply with the provisions of section 4749.10 of the Revised Code and rule 4301:7-1-21 of the Administrative Code.

~~(a) If an employee intends to carry a firearm in the course of business or employment, the employee shall comply with the provisions of section 4749.10 of the Revised Code and rule 4301:7-1-21 of the Administrative Code.~~

~~(b) If the results of the criminal records check described in division (B)(2)(a) of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code indicate that the employee applying for registration may have a criminal record in one or more jurisdictions or in one or more states other than Ohio, the director may make further inquiries and request further information from the applicant in order to complete the investigation of the applicant.~~

- (C) "Employee Registration Application" shall include a question that easily identifies the employee as a veteran or as the spouse of a veteran. Applicants currently serving in the military must provide a copy of their military identification card or that of their spouse, or a veteran must provide a copy of their DD214 or that of their spouse along with the application, which will allow the department to verify the identification of the applicant as a veteran or spouse of a veteran. Once military service is verified on their application, and all other requirements are met, applicants for registration who are currently serving in the military, veterans, or their spouses, will be segregated and processed ahead of non-military affiliated applications.
- (D) Within ten calendar days after the termination or expiration of a registered investigator or security guard's employment, the licensee shall terminate the registration online~~submit to the department an "Employee Termination Report" with the employee's identification card for cancellation.~~

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Certification

Date

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Statutory Authority: 4749.02
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Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-10

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Issuance of I.D. card to registrant.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

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4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.06, 4749.10
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with issuance of ID cards to registrants. Rule 4501:7-1-10 is amended to remove reference to the paper registrant I.D. card.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

The savings provided by not printing the cards is negligible.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Not applicable.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes

18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes

A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes

Pursuant to sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services. Once licensed, a business must register its employees in accordance with this rule.

B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes

Pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.03, and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation or the business of security services.

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No

D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes

**A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?
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- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 1**

Paragraph (E) second sentence - "The licensee.... and shall return...."

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-10

Issuance of I.D. card to registrant.

- (A) It shall be the duty of every licensee licensed under the provisions of Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code to furnish each of their investigator and security guard employees with an identification card furnished by the department of public safety (department), and maintain a record thereof.
- (B) The licensee shall inform all of their investigator and security guard employees on the first day of employment of all the registration and firearms training provisions of Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code as that chapter applies to such employees and shall ensure that all such employees are properly registered in accordance with sections 4749.06 and 4749.10 of the Revised Code.
- (C) Each licensee that uses investigator or security guard employees who have not yet received the identification cards issued by the department, shall obtain a written waiver from each client pursuant to division (C) of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code. Under no circumstances shall an employee carry firearms while engaged in the licensee's business unless the licensee has received a firearm bearer notation on the employee's identification card.
- (D) Each employee shall produce their identification card upon the request of an authorized representative of the department or any law enforcement authority.
- (E) All identification cards shall be considered, and remain, the property of the department. The licensee shall be responsible for the use of the identification card by their employee, ~~and shall return the card to the department upon the termination of the employee.~~

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
Statutory Authority: 4749.02
Rule Amplifies: 4749.06, 4749.10
Prior Effective Dates: 01/01/1970, 07/07/1978, 08/10/1989, 10/07/2004,
01/01/2015, 03/01/2021

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-16
Rule Type: Amendment
Rule Title/Tagline: Renewal of registrations.
Agency Name: Department of Public Safety
Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services
Address: 1970 West Broad Street PO Box 182081 Columbus OH 43218-2081
Contact: Joseph Kirk **Phone:** 614-466-5605
Email: jakirk@dps.ohio.gov

I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02, 4749.06
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.06
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

This rule establishes the process to renew the registration of a private investigator or security guard employee. Rule 4501:7-1-16 is amended to remove outdated modes of registration renewal including paying by check or money order, and the requirement for a passport style photograph.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

The rule directs readers to rule 4501:7-1-01 that deals with incorporation by reference.

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

The estimated costs of compliance for licensees to renew their employees' registrations include a \$25.00 annual registration renewal fee, a \$15 fee to renew a firearm bearer notation, if applicable, and the required passport-style photo may cost up to \$15.00 depending on where it is obtained. The renewal application process is available on-line and has minimal impact on the stakeholder.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**
- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

- 17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**

- 18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes**

- A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes**

This rule requires all licensed providers to renew their employees' registrations annually. Each registrant must continue to meet the qualifications set forth in section 4749.06 of the Revised Code and continue to meet renewal requirements set forth in rule prior to being renewed.

- B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes**

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application for licensure to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

- C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes**

The estimated costs of compliance for licensees to renew their employees' registrations include a \$25.00 annual registration renewal fee, a \$15 fee to renew a firearm bearer notation, if applicable, and the required passport-style photo may cost up to \$15.00 depending on where it is obtained. The renewal application process is available on-line and has minimal impact on the stakeholder.

- D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

- 19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes

- A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?
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- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 1

Paragraph (B) second sentence - "A passport style..... must be submitted...."

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-16

Renewal of registrations.

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (M) of rule 4501:7-1-01 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) Each registration identification card issued to a private investigator or security guard employee pursuant to section 4749.06 of the Revised Code and rule 4501:7-1-10 of the Administrative Code shall include the date of issuance. Registrations expire annually on the anniversary date of initial issuance.

(B) The department of public safety shall renew a registration issued pursuant to section 4749.06 of the Revised Code if the person holding a valid identification card renews such registration in accordance with this rule ~~on form "Employee Registration Renewal" or renews on-line at <http://pisgs.ohio.gov/pisgs.stm>. A passport-style photograph, taken within one year of submission, and bearing a reasonable likeness to the applicant must be submitted with the "Employee Registration Renewal."~~ The person holding a valid identification card must continue to meet the qualifications set forth in section 4749.06 of the Revised Code and continue to meet the following renewal requirements:

- (1) Certifies that he/she has not been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a disqualifying offense as defined in rule 4501:7-1-19 of the Administrative Code during the previous registration year;
- (2) Pays the annual renewal fee as set forth in rule 4501:7-1-17 of the Administrative Code. The fee ~~may be paid by certified check or money order payable to Ohio treasurer of state or if submitted on-line,~~ may be paid electronically.

If an individual fails to meet the renewal requirements, the registration is expired without the taking of any action by the department. Registrants desiring to register again will be required to make new application to the department in accordance with section 4749.06 of the Revised Code.

- (3) The holder of an expired registration issued pursuant to section 4749.06 of the Revised Code, who was a member of the uniformed services, or the spouse of a member of the uniformed services, shall be granted a renewal of the registration at the usual cost and without penalty if either of the following applies:
 - (a) The registration was not renewed because of the holder's active service in the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any other state.

- (b) The registration was not renewed because the holder's spouse served in active service in the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any other state, and the service resulted in the holder's absence from this state.

Pursuant to division (B) of section 5903.10 of the Revised Code, a renewal shall not be granted under paragraph (B)(3)(a) or (B)(3)(b) of this rule unless the holder or the spouse of the holder, whichever is applicable, has presented satisfactory evidence of the service member's discharge under honorable conditions or release under honorable conditions from active duty or national guard duty within six months after the release or discharge.

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
Statutory Authority: 4749.02, 4749.06
Rule Amplifies: 4749.06
Prior Effective Dates: 09/22/2005, 01/01/2015, 12/01/2018, 03/01/2021

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-17

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Fees.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

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I. Rule Summary

- 1. Is this a five year rule review? Yes**
 - A. What is the rule's five year review date? 2/9/2026**
- 2. Is this rule the result of recent legislation? Yes**
 - A. If so, what is the bill number, General Assembly and Sponsor? HB 238 - 135 - Fowler Arthur, Kopfenstein**
- 3. What statute is this rule being promulgated under? 119.03**
- 4. What statute(s) grant rule writing authority? 4749.02**
- 5. What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify? 4749.03, 4749.031, 4749.06, 4749.10**
- 6. Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires? No**
 - A. If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule? Not Applicable**
- 7. What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.

- 8. Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with fees. Rule 4501:7-1-17 is amended to decrease the fee for a new company and increase the fee for (biennial) renewals to reflect a law change made by House Bill 238 of the 135th General Assembly.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will decrease revenues.

\$75,000

The initial license fee was reduced from \$375 to \$200 in House Bill 238 of the 135th General assembly in Section 4749.03 of the Revised Code which will lead to a decrease of \$29,000 for initial licensure. Additionally, the license will now be valid for 2 years instead of 1, so the first biennium will see a decrease of another \$46,000.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

In accordance with sections 4749.03, 4749.05, 4749.06, and 4749.10 of the Revised Code, PISGS is directed to collect fees for licensing and registration. This rule provides a complete list of fees referenced in Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code, all of which do not exceed that which is authorized in statute. Stakeholders can expect to pay the following: examinations - \$25, enrollment in the retained applicant fingerprint database - \$10, company license - \$300, biennial renewal of license - \$550, branch license -

\$100, duplicate copy of license - \$25, employee registration card - \$40, firearm bearer endorsement - \$15, transfer of a license \$25.

14. **Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B).** No
15. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C).** No
16. **If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

The fees listed are established as directed in Sections 4749.03, 4749.031, 4749.06, and 4749.10 ORC. The fees are for the review and collection of required documents for licensure and registration.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. **Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office?** Yes
18. **Does this rule have an adverse impact on business?** Yes
 - A. **Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business?** No

This rule, in and of itself, does not require prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business. However, as part of this filing package it does, as pursuant to sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services.

- B. **Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms?** Yes

Pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.03, and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation or the business of security services.

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes

In accordance with sections 4749.03, 4749.05, 4749.06, and 4749.10 of the Revised Code, PISGS is directed to collect fees for licensing and registration. This rule provides a complete list of fees referenced in Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code, all of which do not exceed that which is authorized in statute. Stakeholders can expect to pay the following: examinations - \$25, enrollment in the retained applicant fingerprint database - \$10, company license - \$300, biennial renewal of license - \$550, branch license - \$100, duplicate copy of license - \$25, employee registration card - \$40, firearm bearer endorsement - \$15, transfer of a license \$25.

D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? Yes

The fees could potentially increase expenses depending on how many employees a licensee has, and if they provide the fees for those registrants.

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?

Not Applicable

B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule?

Not Applicable

C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.

Not Applicable

D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-17

Fees.

- (A) The fees for applications for examination, issuance of licenses or registration cards, replacement or duplicate licenses or registration cards, transfer of licenses, and ~~annual~~ renewal of licenses and registrations are as follows:
- (1) Twenty-five dollars for application for examination for an individual applicant and, in the case of a corporation, each officer or qualifying agent specified in the application as satisfying the requirements of divisions (A)(1) to (F)(1) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) ~~Five~~Ten dollars for each application to license or renew a company pursuant to section 4749.03 of the Revised Code for the fee charged by the bureau of criminal identification to enroll the applicant in the retained applicant fingerprint database pursuant to rules adopted under division (F) of section 109.5721 of the Revised Code;
 - (3) ~~Three~~Two hundred ~~seventy-five~~ dollars for the issuance of each license pursuant to division ~~(B)(3)~~(B)(2) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code;
 - (4) One hundred dollars for the issuance of each branch license pursuant to division (A) of section 4749.05 of the Revised Code;
 - (5) ~~Two~~Five hundred ~~seventy-five~~fifty dollars for the ~~annual~~biennial renewal of each license pursuant to division (D) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code;
 - (6) Twenty-five dollars for a duplicate of a lost, stolen, or destroyed license pursuant to division (E) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code;
 - (7) Forty dollars for the issuance of each registration identification card pursuant to division (B) of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code;
 - (8) Twenty-five dollars for the annual renewal of each registration identification card pursuant to division (F) of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code;
 - (9) Fifteen dollars for the issuance of firearm bearer notation on the qualifying agent and employee registration identification card pursuant to division (A) of section 4749.10 of the Revised Code;
 - (10) Twenty-five dollars to transfer a private investigator or security guard provider license from one corporation to another corporation or from a sole proprietor to a corporation or to transfer a corporation license to a sole proprietor, pursuant to division (F) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code;

- (11) Five dollars for a duplicate of a lost, stolen, or destroyed registration identification card pursuant to section 4749.06 of the Revised Code.
- (B) Each fee described in paragraph (A) of this rule is a nonrefundable fee payable to the department of public safety except that the ~~three~~two hundred ~~seventy-five~~ dollar initial license fee described in paragraph (A)(3) of this rule shall be refunded if the license application is denied.

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
Statutory Authority: 4749.02
Rule Amplifies: 4749.03, 4749.031, 4749.06, 4749.10
Prior Effective Dates: 09/22/2005, 01/02/2012, 01/01/2015, 04/01/2021

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-18

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Retained applicant fingerprint database enrollment.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

Address: 1970 West Broad Street PO Box 182081 Columbus OH 43218-2081

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.03, 4749.031, 4749.06
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with retained applicant fingerprint database enrollment. Rule 4501:7-1-18 is amended to change the number of extension days from sixty to thirty days to reflect the maximum amount of time it takes BCI to get the results of the background check to PISGS.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

In compliance with Sections 4749.03 and 4749.06 of the Revised Code, stakeholders are required to pay an annual fee of \$10 to be enrolled in the retained fingerprint applicant database for each qualifying agent, security guard, and private investigator they employ. This fee is included when they pay the fee to have their registration issued.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**
- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

- 17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**

- 18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes**

- A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes**

This rule, in and of itself, does not require prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business. However, as part of this filing package it does, as pursuant to sections 4749.03, 4749.06, and 4749.13 of the Revised Code, all persons are required to be licensed or registered prior to engaging in the business of private investigation or security services.

- B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes**

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application for licensure to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

- C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes**

In compliance with Sections 4749.03 and 4749.06 of the Revised Code, stakeholders are required to pay an annual fee of \$10 to be enrolled in the retained fingerprint applicant database for each qualifying agent, security guard, and private investigator they employ. This fee is included when they pay the fee to have their registration issued.

- D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No**

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

- 19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No**

- A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?**

Not Applicable

- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule?**

Not Applicable

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**

Not Applicable

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-18

Retained applicant fingerprint database enrollment.

(A) Each individual, including a partner in a partnership, an officer, or a qualifying agent who submits an application to license a company or who submits an application to renew a license pursuant to section 4749.03 of the Revised Code, shall be enrolled in the retained applicant fingerprint database maintained by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation under section 109.5721 of the Revised Code.

(1) Each individual, including a partner in a partnership, an officer, or a qualifying agent who submits an annual renewal application pursuant to section 4749.03 of the Revised Code, and who does not currently have electronic fingerprints on file with the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, shall submit a set of electronic fingerprints directly to the superintendent in the method prescribed in division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(2) The results of the criminal records check shall be sent via direct copy to the director of public safety, private investigator security guard services.

(3) If the results of the criminal records check satisfy the requirements of division (A)(1)(a) of section 4749.03 of the Revised Code, and the license is approved or renewed, the applicant shall be enrolled in the retained applicant fingerprint database. Once enrolled in the retained applicant fingerprint database, the licensee need not submit fingerprints on future renewal dates unless otherwise required under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code.

(4) If the results of the applicant's criminal records check indicate that the applicant does not have electronic fingerprints on file with the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, then the applicant shall be granted a ~~sixty~~thirty day extension from the date that the department of public safety notifies the applicant of the records check results. Within this ~~sixty~~thirty day extension period, the applicant must submit a set of electronic fingerprints to the superintendent in the method prescribed in division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the director of public safety must receive results that satisfy the requirements of division (B)(3) of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code.

(5) Failure to provide a fingerprint submission in accordance with this paragraph shall result in a denial of the individual's application for license or application for renewal.

(6) If an individual, including a partner in a partnership, an officer, or a qualifying agent, submits fingerprints that, due to the lack in clarity of the submitted fingerprints, cannot be used to enroll in the retained applicant fingerprint

database, the individual shall submit fingerprints at time of the next year's renewal.

- (B) Each employee who is registered or renewed by a class A, B, or C licensee pursuant to section 4749.06 of the Revised Code shall be enrolled in the retained applicant fingerprint database maintained by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation under section 109.5721 of the Revised Code.
- (1) Each employee who is registered by a class A, B, or C licensee pursuant to section 4749.06 of the Revised Code shall be automatically enrolled in the retained applicant fingerprint database.
 - (2) For each employee who is renewed by a class A, B, or C licensee pursuant to section 4749.06 of the Revised Code, and who does not currently have electronic fingerprints on file with the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, the licensee shall submit a set of electronic fingerprints directly to the superintendent in the method prescribed in division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.
 - (3) The results of the employee's criminal records check shall be sent via direct copy to the director of public safety, private investigator security guard services.
 - (4) If the results of the employee's criminal records check satisfy the requirements of division (B)(3) of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code, and the registration is approved or renewed, the employee shall be enrolled in the retained applicant fingerprint database. Once an employee is enrolled in the retained applicant fingerprint database, the employee need not submit fingerprints on future renewal dates unless otherwise required under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code.
 - (5) If the results of the employee's criminal records check indicate that the employee does not have electronic fingerprints on file with the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, then the licensee shall be granted a ~~sixty~~sixty~~thirty~~ day extension from the date that the department of public safety notifies the licensee of the records check results. Within this ~~sixty~~sixty~~thirty~~ day extension period, the licensee must submit a set of the employee's electronic fingerprints to the superintendent in the method prescribed in division (C)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the director of public safety must receive results that satisfy the requirements of division (B)(3) of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code.
 - (6) Failure to provide an employee's fingerprint submission in accordance with this paragraph shall result in a denial of the employee's registration or renewal.

- (7) If an employee who is registered or renewed by a class A, B, or C licensee pursuant to section 4749.06 of the Revised Code submits fingerprints that, due to the lack in clarity of the submitted fingerprints, cannot be used to enroll in the retained applicant fingerprint database, the employee shall submit fingerprints at time of the next year's renewal.

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
Statutory Authority: 4749.02
Rule Amplifies: 4749.03, 4749.031, 4749.06
Prior Effective Dates: 01/02/2012, 01/01/2015, 03/01/2021

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-20
Rule Type: Rescission
Rule Title/Tagline: Notice of meeting.
Agency Name: Department of Public Safety
Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services
Address: 1970 West Broad Street PO Box 182081 Columbus OH 43218-2081
Contact: Joseph Kirk **Phone:** 614-466-5605
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I. Rule Summary

- 1. Is this a five year rule review? Yes**
 - A. What is the rule's five year review date? 2/9/2026**
- 2. Is this rule the result of recent legislation? Yes**
 - A. If so, what is the bill number, General Assembly and Sponsor? HB 238 - 135 - Fowler Arthur, Klopfenstein**
- 3. What statute is this rule being promulgated under? 119.03**
- 4. What statute(s) grant rule writing authority? 4749.02, 121.22**
- 5. What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify? 4749.021**
- 6. Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires? No**
 - A. If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule? Not Applicable**
- 7. What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

The rule is being rescinded as Section 4749.021 of the Revised Code was repealed in House Bill 238 of the 135th General Assembly.

- 8. Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with notice of meetings for the Ohio Private Investigation and Security Services Commission.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**

- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Not applicable.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes
18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? No
- A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No
 - B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No
 - C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No
 - D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes
- A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?
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 - B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 4

Paragraph (B) first sentence - The department.... shall post notice....

Paragraph (B) first sentence - "Such notice shall include..."

Paragraph (B) third sentence - "Nothing in this section shall...."

Paragraph (C) last sentence - "Written requests.... and shall include..."

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**
- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

TO BE RESCINDED

4501:7-1-20 **Notice of meeting.**

- (A) For the purpose of this rule "the commission" means the Ohio private investigation and security services commission (OPISSC).
- (B) The department of public safety (department) shall post notice of all regularly scheduled meetings of the commission and any of its committees, subcommittees, and workgroups, on the department's website, which may be accessed at <http://pisgs.ohio.gov/pissc.stm> at least fourteen days prior to each regularly scheduled meeting. Such notice shall include the time and place of the meeting and may include the tentative agenda for the meeting. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any member of the commission from requesting that an item be added to the agenda in writing once it is posted to the website.
- (C) Any person or media outlet may obtain advance notice of any meeting of the commission, its committees, subcommittees and workgroups by requesting to be placed on an email notification list as no cost, or to receive notice by regular mail for a reasonable fee. Requests for notice of meetings may be submitted to the department in written form, or may be made in person during regular business hours. Written request for notice of meetings may be general in nature or may be specific to meetings where a particular type of business will be considered. Written requests may be mailed to "Private Investigator Security Guard Services, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223," and shall include the name of the person submitting the request, any organization with which the person is affiliated, mailing address, electronic mail address, telephone number, and whether notice is sought for all or specified types of meetings.

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Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

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Statutory Authority: 4749.02, 121.22
Rule Amplifies: 4749.021
Prior Effective Dates: 01/01/2015, 03/01/2021

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-22

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Firearm bearer notation issuance and renewal.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

Address: 1970 West Broad Street PO Box 182081 Columbus OH 43218-2081

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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** Yes
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 2/9/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** No
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4749.02
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4749.10
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
 - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.
8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with firearm bearer notation issuance and renewal for the private investigator/security guard industry. Rule 4501:7-1-22 is amended to include an additional reason to deny a firearm bearer notation based on a recent disciplinary case. The amendment makes it clear that all Ohio Peace Officer Training regulations must be followed in order to receive a firearm bearer notation for each firearm.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

The rule directs readers to rule 4501:7-1-01 that deals with incorporation by reference.

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

The estimated costs of compliance for stakeholders include the initial license fee of \$200.00, the qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background. This rule also requires that licensees who maintain one or more branch office locations shall pay a fee of \$100 for each branch office in accordance with section 4749.05 of the Revised Code. This rule also sets forth the renewal process for licenses. The annual costs to renew a Class A, Class B, and Class C license include a \$550.00 biennial

application fee, a \$10.00 fee to renew the qualifying agent's record in the retained fingerprint database, and a \$15.00 fee to renew a qualifying agent's firearm bearer notation, if applicable. If a stakeholder requests a replacement license due to a license being lost, spoiled, or damaged, a \$25 fee is required. There is no fee to change a licensee's address, contact information, mailing address, business name or trade name.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**
- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**
- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

The fees are for the review and collection of required documents, and issuance of the license.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

- 17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**
- 18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes**
 - A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes**

This rule requires all licensed providers to renew their employees' registrations. Each registrant must continue to meet the qualifications set forth in section 4749.06 of the Revised Code and continue to meet renewal requirements set forth in rule prior to being renewed.

- B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes**

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the

director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes

The estimated costs of compliance for stakeholders include the initial license fee of \$200.00, the qualifying agent examination fee of \$25.00, and the \$5.00 fee for enrollment in the retained fingerprint database. The qualifying agent's fingerprint background check is estimated at \$22.00. If the qualifying agent elects to carry a weapon, the firearm-bearer application is \$15.00, and the required FBI background. This rule also requires that licensees who maintain one or more branch office locations shall pay a fee of \$100 for each branch office in accordance with section 4749.05 of the Revised Code. This rule also sets forth the renewal process for licenses. The annual costs to renew a Class A, Class B, and Class C license include a \$550.00 biennial application fee, a \$10.00 fee to renew the qualifying agent's record in the retained fingerprint database, and a \$15.00 fee to renew a qualifying agent's firearm bearer notation, if applicable. If a stakeholder requests a replacement license due to a license being lost, spoiled, or damaged, a \$25 fee is required. There is no fee to change a licensee's address, contact information, mailing address, business name or trade name.

D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? Yes

Yes, however only if the licensee wishes for the registrant to have a firearm bearer notation to allow them to carry a firearm in the practice of their duties.

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?

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Paragraph (A)(4) second sentence - "Such certificate must..."

Paragraph (A)(6) stem - "(A).... or both shall: (6) Complete all training..."

- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 0**

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**
4 restrictions are removed in rule 4501:7-1-20 as a part of this package.

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**
The first restriction added is to correct a typo in paragraph (A)(4). The second is to make clear that all Ohio Peace Officer Training regulations must be followed in order to receive a firearm bearer notation for each firearm in new paragraph (A)(6).

4501:7-1-22

Firearm bearer notation issuance and renewal.

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (M) of rule 4501:7-1-01 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) Any person who wishes to carry a firearm in the course of engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both shall:

(1) Submit ~~either a paper or an~~ electronic "Firearm Bearer Notation Application" accompanied by the fee provided for in section 4749.10 of the Revised Code. The fee may be paid electronically, ~~or if a paper application is submitted, may be paid by check or money order payable to Ohio treasurer of state.~~

(2) Submit:

(a) A certificate of satisfactory completion of a basic firearm training program from the "Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission" (OPOTC) which includes at least twenty hours in handgun training at a commission approved training school;

(b) An equivalency letter from OPOTC if the person successfully completed a firearm training program approved by OPOTC as being equivalent to the twenty hour basic firearm training from 1982 to 1985; or

(c) A certificate or other evidence of satisfactory completion of a firearms training course at a certified OPOTC training school or law enforcement academy, if the applicant is a current or former peace officer, Ohio state highway patrol officer, or federal officer.

(3) If the certificate described in paragraph (A)(2)(a) of this rule was obtained more than eighteen months prior to the date of application, submit a certificate of satisfactory requalification in firearms use on a firearms training range at a firearms requalification program certified by the OPOTC or on a firearms training range under the supervision of an instructor certified by the OPOTC within the twelve months immediately preceding the date of submitting the "Firearm Bearer Notation Application."

(4) If the applicant intends to carry a firearm other than a handgun, the applicant shall submit a certificate of satisfactory completion of a minimum of five hours of training in the use of the other type of firearm from an OPOTC approved training program. Such certificate ~~must~~must be submitted for each type of firearm the applicant intends to carry.

(5) For the purpose of a state and federal bureau of investigation background check, submit directly to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, with direct copy to the department, a complete set of fingerprints along with notification that the applicant intends to carry a firearm in the course of business.

(6) Complete all training requirements in compliance with OPOTC training standards for each firearm.

(B) If upon review of the application materials submitted under this rule and the applicant's criminal background check, the director determines that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in section 4749.10 of the Revised Code, this rule, and is not subject to any state or federal firearms disabilities as set forth in section 2923.13 of the Revised Code and 18 USC 922(g), the director shall issue the applicant an employee registration card with a firearm bearer notation. The employee registration card with firearm bearer notation shall indicate the types of firearms the firearm bearer notation holder is authorized to carry in the course of his or her duties, the date of expiration of the firearm bearer notation, and the date of expiration of the employee registration card.

(C) The firearm bearer notation and the employee registration card may have different expiration dates. A firearm bearer notation is valid only until the date of expiration listed on the firearm bearer notation, even if the employee registration card has a later expiration date.

(1) The initial firearm bearer notation is valid for eighteen months from the date of qualification listed on certificate submitted under paragraph (B) of this rule and subsequent renewals of the firearm bearer notation expire twelve months from the date of requalification listed on the certificate of satisfactory requalification.

(2) A firearm bearer notation may be renewed by submitting a "Firearm Bearer Notation Application" accompanied by the fee provided for in section 4749.10 of the Revised Code, and submitting a certificate of satisfactory requalification for each type of firearm the person intends to carry. The requalification training must occur within twelve months immediately preceding the date of renewal submission.

(3) If a firearm bearer renewal application is not received by the department on or before the firearm bearer notation expiration date, the firearm bearer notation is expired and will not be renewed. An application for a new firearm bearer notation shall be submitted in accordance with paragraph (A) of this rule. If the employee registration card is unexpired, the employee may continue to provide unarmed private investigative, security services, or both.

- (4) Regardless of the firearm bearer notation expiration date, if the employee registration card expires or if the department revokes, suspends, or refuses to renew the employee registration card, the firearm bearer notation shall automatically be expired, revoked, suspended, or not renewed.

Effective:

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 2/9/2026

Certification

Date

Promulgated Under: 119.03
Statutory Authority: 4749.02
Rule Amplifies: 4749.10
Prior Effective Dates: 12/01/2018, 03/01/2021

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4501:7-1-23

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Firearm bearer prohibitions and disciplinary actions.

Agency Name: Department of Public Safety

Division: Private Investigator Security Guard Services

Address: 1970 West Broad Street PO Box 182081 Columbus OH 43218-2081

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I. Rule Summary

- 1. Is this a five year rule review? Yes**
 - A. What is the rule's five year review date? 2/9/2026**
- 2. Is this rule the result of recent legislation? Yes**
 - A. If so, what is the bill number, General Assembly and Sponsor? SB 215 - 134 - T. Johnson**
- 3. What statute is this rule being promulgated under? 119.03**
- 4. What statute(s) grant rule writing authority? 4749.02**
- 5. What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify? 4749.10**
- 6. Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires? No**
 - A. If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule? Not Applicable**
- 7. What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

This rule is being filed according to Section 106.03 ORC periodic rule review.

- 8. Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with firearm bearer notation prohibitions and disciplinary actions for the private investigator/security guard industry. Rule 4501:7-1-23 is amended based on stakeholder comment to remove requirements regarding obtaining a concealed handgun license for any person who intends to carry a concealed handgun in their duties under this chapter.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? Yes**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

The rule directs readers to rule 4501:7-1-01 that deals with incorporation by reference.

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

0.00

Not applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Not applicable.

- 14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

- 15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

- 16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

- 17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes**

- 18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes**

- A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? Yes**

The rule itself deals with prohibitions on firearm bearer notation. The chapter overall requires all licensed providers to renew their employees' registrations and FAB. Each registrant must continue to meet the qualifications set forth in Section 4749.06 of the Revised Code and continue to meet renewal requirements set forth in rule prior to being renewed.

- B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? Yes**

Failure to meet the requirements in this rule may result in an application for licensure to be denied. Further, pursuant to sections 4749.04, 4749.13 and 4749.99 of the Revised Code, the director of public safety may revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license of any private investigator or security guard provider, or the registration of any employee of a private investigator or security guard provider, or impose an administrative or criminal penalty for violation of any rule of the director governing private investigators, the business of private investigation, or the business of security services.

- C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes**

Firearm bearers must have their firearm bearer notation on their person.

- D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No**

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes

A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?
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B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 1

Paragraph (A) last sentence - "Any person... must...."

C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.

D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).

Not Applicable

4501:7-1-23

Firearm bearer prohibitions and disciplinary actions.

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (M) of rule 4501:7-1-01 of the Administrative Code.]

- (A) A firearm bearer notation issued in accordance with section 4749.10 of the Revised Code and rule 4501:7-1-22 of the Administrative Code does not authorize an individual to carry a concealed handgun or other dangerous ordnance or exempt any person from the provisions of Chapter 2923. of the Revised Code. ~~Any person who intends to carry a concealed handgun in the course of his or her duties as a private investigator, security guard, or both must also have a concealed handgun license issued in accordance with section 2923.125 of Revised Code or fall within one of the exemptions listed in division (C) of section 2923.12 of the Revised Code.~~
- (B) No licensee shall allow an employee or independent contractor to carry a firearm:
- (1) While engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both, unless that person is carrying a valid employee registration card with a valid firearm bearer notation issued in accordance with this rule and section 4749.10 of the Revised Code;
 - (2) While engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both while the person's employee registration application or firearm bearer notation application is in an applied or pending status with the department; or
 - (3) Other than the types of firearms indicated on the firearm bearer notation while engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both.
- (C) No person who is required to be licensed or registered under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code shall carry a firearm while engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both, unless the individual is carrying on their person, a valid employee registration card with a valid firearm bearer notation issued in accordance with this rule and section 4749.10 of the Revised Code.
- (D) No person who is required to be licensed or registered under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code shall carry firearm while engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both while the person's employee registration application or firearm bearer notation application is in applied or pending status with the department.
- (E) No person with a valid firearm bearer notation shall carry a firearm other than the types of firearms indicated on the firearm bearer notion while engaging in the business of private investigation, security services, or both.

- (F) The prohibitions listed in paragraphs (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this rule do not apply to unregistered commissioned peace officers who are exempt from the registration requirements of section 4749.06 of the Revised Code.
- (G) Every licensee shall maintain records for the current calendar year plus the two previous calendar years of employees that carry firearms in the course of their duties. Such records shall include the dates in which that employee worked an armed account, but need not include any identifying information regarding the client for whom armed security is provided. Such records shall be made available upon request to the department as part of an audit or inspection.

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