



Michigan Contract Security Association

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Dear Member,

I want to share with you some of the work that your MCSA Board of Directors have been diligently working on this year. The board voted in the spring to research re-branding all aspects of the Michigan Contract Security Association. We have had many working meetings and have recently hired Azure Strategies to lead the MCSA re-branding effort. One of the first items we want to share with you is the opportunity to join efforts with Michigan Licensed Investigators and become one organization. This requires a change in the by-laws to allow investigators application to MCSA and we have detailed that language below. We ask you to consider this change and give us your feedback.

By joining the two industries we create a larger voice to speak on legislation that impacts public policy and our industries. Michigan has over 900 licensed investigators that would qualify for membership. Combining both industries could give the organization greater funding, increased and improved training, conferences and lobbying.

Once the vote is complete and if approved, we will continue forward with the re-branding and welcoming investigators into the association. Of course, this will bring some additional changes to the language of the by-laws, a new logo and name.

We are excited about this opportunity and hope that you feel the same.
Please feel free to contact me or the MCSA office with any questions, concerns and suggestions.

Sincerely,

MCSA President

Notice to membership of the proposed change to the MCSA By-Laws

Current

ARTICLE III Members

Section 1. The membership of this association shall be limited to license holders and employees of Michigan licensed contract security agencies.

Proposed Changes

ARTICLE III Members

Section 1. The membership of this association shall be limited to license holders and employees of Michigan licensed contract security agencies **AND MICHIGAN LICENSED INVESTIGATORS.**

Do you support this change? Yes or No

Members will receive a ballot electronically to vote and return no later than December 4, 2017
To read the complete MCSA By-Laws, click [MCSA By-Laws](#)

Legislative Update
SPECIAL POLICE AGENCIES & OFFICERS

S.B. 594 & 595:
SUMMARY OF INTRODUCED BILL
IN COMMITTEE

Senate Bills 594 and 595 (as introduced 9-27-17)

Sponsor: Senator Arlan Meekhof

Committee: Government Operations

Date Completed: 10-3-17

CONTENT

Senate Bill 594 would enact the "Special Police Agency Act" to do the following:

- Prohibit a person from providing law enforcement services as a special police agency under contract with a legally organized entity unless licensed by the Michigan Department of State Police (MSP).
- Prescribe the licensing process, application fee, and criteria for licensure.
- Allow the MSP to issue a temporary license that would be valid for up to 120 days.
- Allow a legally organized entity to enter into a contract with a special police agency to provide law enforcement service for a specified period of time and in a specified geographic location in Michigan.
- Require the contract to be approved by the local prosecuting attorney and the sheriff (or the police chief of a municipality) if the entity entering into the contract were a local unit of government.
- Require an applicant for employment as a special police officer to undergo a criminal background check.
- Provide that a special police officer would have the same warrantless arrest authority as a public peace officer.
- Limit a special police officer's arrest authority to the duration of the contract between a special police agency and a legally organized entity.
- Extend governmental immunity to a special police agency and its officers.
- Allow the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to promulgate rules permitting a special police agency to enter into a reciprocal agreement with other states.
- Provide that a violation of the proposed Act would be a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to four years or a maximum fine of \$5,000, or both.

Senate Bill 595 would amend the sentencing guidelines in the Code of Criminal Procedure to include the felony proposed by Senate Bill 594 as a Class F offense against the public order.

Senate Bill 595 is tie-barred to Senate Bill 594. Each bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment. A detailed description of Senate Bill 594 follows.

Definitions

"Legally organized entity" would include, but not be limited to, an association, corporation, partnership, proprietorship, trust, foundation, nonprofit organization, school district, political subdivision, local unit of government, federally recognized Indian tribe, or institution of higher education."

"Special police officer" would mean an individual who is currently or was previously licensed as a law enforcement officer within the preceding two years under the MCOLES Act, who is authorized to prevent and detect crime and enforce the general criminal laws of the State.

Full summary

Senate Bill 594, sponsor Senator Meekhof



2018 renewals will be sent out in December.

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