

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 917

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

FIRE PROTECTION: Provides relative to life safety and property protection licensing

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1664.4(A), 1664.6(B)(6), 1664.7(F), 1664.8(A), (C), (G), and
3 (H), 1664.9(B), (E), (F), and (G) and to enact R.S. 40:1664.3(82) and 1664.5(A)(15)
4 and (16) and to repeal R.S. 40:1664.3(22), 1664.8(B) and (I), 1664.9(J), and 1664.17
5 relative to life safety and property protection licensing; to provide for definitions; to
6 provide relative to certain licensing requirements; to provide for licensure
7 exemptions; to provide for criminal history verification; to provide relative to license
8 application requirements; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for
9 licensing fees; to provide for license validity periods; to provide for procedures
10 subsequent to cancellation of contracts; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 40:1664.4(A), 1664.6(B)(6), 1664.7(F), 1664.8(A), (C), (G), and (H),
13 1664.9(B), (E), (F), and (G), and 1664.15(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
14 40:1664.3(82) and 1664.5(A)(15) and (16) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §1664.3. Definitions

16 As used in this Subpart, the following terms have the meanings specified in
17 this Section:

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1 applicant. ~~Applications for property protection endorsements shall be accompanied~~
2 ~~by a criminal record check of the applicant.~~ Such license shall expire on the thirtieth
3 calendar day after its commencement or on the date of issuance of an apprentice or
4 technician license, whichever is earlier.

5 §1664.8. Criminal background checks; provisional license

6 A. Each principal, ~~or officer,~~ and each designated qualifier of a firm holding
7 a property protection endorsement shall undergo and pass a criminal background
8 check prior to the firm or qualifier receiving a license pursuant to this Subpart.

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10 C. No ~~person or officer or principal,~~ officer, or designated qualifier of a firm
11 applying for a property protection license shall have been convicted of a felony,
12 received a first-time offender pardon for a felony, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo
13 contendere to a felony charge. A person whose felony conviction has been dismissed
14 pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 893 or the equivalent judicial
15 dismissal shall be eligible for property protection licensure if the conviction was not
16 a felony crime of violence specifically enumerated in R.S. 14:2(B), a sex offense as
17 defined in R.S. 15:541(24)(a), with the exception of R.S. 14:92(A)(7) and R.S.
18 14:80, or a felony offense against property as enumerated in R.S. 14:51 through 62.8.

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20 G. The office of state fire marshal, ~~code enforcement and building safety,~~
21 may consider the seriousness and circumstances of the offense and subsequent
22 arrests and convictions pursuant to this Section.

23 H. The state fire marshal is authorized to order ~~fingerprint analysis-~~ criminal
24 background checks or any other analysis or documents deemed necessary by the state
25 fire marshal for the purpose of verifying the criminal history of a ~~person or named~~
26 ~~officer or~~ principal, officer, or designated qualifier ~~principal of a firm~~ applying for
27 a property protection license. The state fire marshal shall have the authority to
28 conduct criminal history verification on a local, state, or national level. All costs for
29 verifying criminal history shall be borne by the applicant.

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1	(b) Specialty Endorsement:		
2	(i) Pre-engineered	\$350	\$100
3	(ii) Kitchen suppression	\$350	\$50
4	(6)(a) Technical Endorsement-Fire Alarm	\$350	\$100
5	(b) Specialty Endorsement:		
6	(i) Fire alarm (Non-required)	\$350	\$50
7	(ii) Fire alarm owner	\$350	\$50
8	(7) Technical Endorsement-	\$350	\$150
9	Portable Fire Extinguishers/Hoses		
10	(8) Technical Endorsement-	\$350	\$50
11	DOT hydrostatic testing		
12	C. The amount of licensing fees for a person are as follows:		
13	Employee endorsement	Initial fee	Renewal fee
14	(1)(a) Technical Endorsement-Locksmith	\$100	\$50
15	(b) Specialty Endorsement:		
16	(i) Bank locking	\$100	\$50
17	(ii) Detention locking	\$100	\$50
18	(iii) Limited Locksmith	\$100	\$50
19	(iv) Automotive Locksmith	\$100	\$50
20	(2) Technical Endorsement-Door hardware		
21	specialist	\$100	\$50
22	(3)(a) Technical Endorsement-Security	\$100	\$50
23	(b) Specialty Endorsement:		
24	(i) Closed Circuit Television	\$100	\$50
25	(ii) Household fire	\$100	\$50
26	(iii) Security sales	\$100	\$50
27	(iv) Special Locking	\$100	\$50
28	(v) Limited Locksmith	\$100	\$50
29	(vi) Limited Security	\$100	\$50

1	(4) Technical Endorsement-	\$100	\$50
2	Fire Sprinkler Qualifier		
3	(5) Technical Endorsement-	\$100	\$50
4	Fire Sprinkler Inspector		
5	(6)(a) Technical Endorsement-	\$50	\$50
6	Fixed Fire Suppression		
7	(b) Specialty Endorsement:		
8	(i) Pre-engineered	\$50	\$50
9	(ii) Kitchen suppression	\$50	\$50
10	(7)(a) Technical Endorsement-Fire Alarm	\$50	\$50
11	(b) Specialty Endorsement:		
12	(i) Fire alarm (Non-required)	\$50	\$50
13	(ii) Fire alarm owner	\$50	\$50
14	(8) Technical Endorsement-	\$50	\$50
15	Portable Fire Extinguishers/Hoses		
16	(9) Technical Endorsement-	\$25	\$25
17	DOT hydrostatic testing		
18	(10) Specialty Endorsement-Apprentice	\$50	\$50
19	(11) Technical Endorsement - Conveyance Device		
20	(a) Conveyance Device Inspector	\$100	\$50
21	(b) Conveyance Device Mechanic	\$100	\$50
22	(12) Speciality Endorsement-		
23	Limited Conveyance Device Mechanic	\$100	\$50
24	(13) Conveyance device inspection fee	\$150	\$150
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26 E. All licenses are valid for ~~one year~~ three years, unless a multi-year license
 27 ~~is created~~, and shall be renewed within thirty days of its expiration date to remain
 28 valid. The state fire marshal may create a prorated fee system to allow employee
 29 license renewal dates to coincide with the firm license renewal date.

Proposed law defines "administrative personnel".

Proposed law repeals definition of "door hardware specialist".

Present law provides exemptions for which requirements for licensure do not apply.

Proposed law exempts administrative personnel who do not visit a customer's home or other protected premises, and an employee of a licensed firm who is physically located outside the state, provides technical support remotely, and has passed a criminal background check.

Proposed law provides criminal background check requirements for remote technical support employees. Proposed law further requires that remote technical support employees shall notify his employer within 10 days of any of the following:

- (1) A change in home address.
- (2) A felony conviction.
- (3) Entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony charge.
- (4) Receipt of a first-time offender pardon.

Present law requires that applications for property protection endorsements by persons be accompanied by a criminal record check of the applicant.

Proposed law requires only principals, officers, and designated qualifiers for a firm to undergo a criminal background check prior to the firm or qualifier receiving an endorsement.

Present law provides criminal background check requirements for persons and firms applying for property protection licenses.

Proposed law specifies that principals, officers, and designated qualifiers are required to have a criminal background check for property protection licenses and repeals the requirement for persons.

Present law provides that the fire marshal may issue provisional licenses to property protection applicants provided certain criteria are met.

Proposed law repeals this provision of present law.

Present law provides a schedule of fees for Life Safety and Property Protection licenses for a firm.

Present law provides a schedule of fees for Life Safety and Property Protection licenses for a person.

Proposed law amends the schedule of fees.

Present law provides that all licenses are valid for one year, unless a multi-year license is created.

Proposed law provides that all licenses and renewals are valid for three years.

Present law provides that a license not renewed within 30 days of its expiration date is considered past due and subject to late fees of \$25 for a license renewed 31-45 days past the expiration date and \$50 for a license renewed 46-60 days past the expiration date.

Proposed law provides that a license not renewed before its expiration date is invalid, and the person it was issued to has 15 days following the expiration date to file a renewal application without the payment of a late fee. For applications placed after 15 days, a fee not exceeding \$125 in addition to the renewal fee will be charged.

Present law provides that a license is suspended if not renewed within 60 days of its expiration date or if the license holder has not maintained the license, and that the reinstatement fees are the cost of initial fees plus \$20.

Proposed law provides that if a license is not renewed within 1 year of the date of expiration, it is no longer eligible for renewal, and an application for a new license may be submitted. The application for the new license will require a criminal background check at the time of application.

Proposed law provides that licenses or endorsements based on certifications, education, or credentials expire when the certification, education, or credential expires.

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.