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Subject: RE: Occupational licensing requirements for Private Investigator

Ginger,

CBPL does not license Private Investigators. Given we have no licensing program, we are not knowledgeable on any type of industry standards or misuse and therefore cannot supply any information on this facet of the issue. The decision on where to house a new program is the purview of the Legislature and CBPL does not have any specific comments at this time. Finally, the only information that we might be able to supply comes from Business Licensing and is contained below.

NAICS code 561611 is for Investigation Services.

- Below is the information for the business licensees that have indicated this NAICS code is their primary or secondary business activity.

There are currently 139 active business licenses (with 2013 or 2014 expiration dates) on record.

- Business Types
 - 51 are entities (corporations or LLC)
 - 5 are partnerships
 - 83 are sole proprietorships
- Mailing Address
 - 30 have lower 48 mailing address
 - 109 have Alaskan mailing addresses

There are 61 business license that have lapsed (with 2011 and 2012 expiration dates) that may still renew (within two years of expiration date) if they desire.

- Business Types
 - 9 are entities (corporation or LLC)
 - 3 are partnerships
 - 49 are sole proprietorships
- Mailing Address
 - 7 have lower 48 mailing addresses
 - 54 have Alaskan mailing addresses

Sincerely yours,

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Subject: Occupational licensing requirements for Private Investigator

Hello,

I'm working on possible legislation regarding occupational requirements for Private Investigators. Rep Hughes was alerted that any individual may purchase a business license to become a private investigator without background check or any other requirements for the profession. The concern of the constituent was that an individual could represent the profession and that person could have a felony or criminal record where that person should not be acting as a PI. I understand that some databases might be made available to a PI that could provide specific individual data and that some databases would require background checks or other verification. The constituent is concerned that a felon could pose as a PI and access personal data that should be confidential.

Deb Behr (Dept of Law) conducted a quick review and did not find any regulations regarding Private Investigators and also did not find any occupational licensing requirements for a PI. Do you know of any minimum standards or rules for an individual to use the title "Private Investigator" and are you aware of any misuses of the profession by past felons? I am contacting both Police Standards Council and the Occupational Licensing to best determine if the occupational review should be housed in DCCED Occupational Licensing or DPS Police Standards Council?

I would appreciate any comments you may have regarding Private Investigators and any definitions or professional licensing requirements that might help secure the personal safety of citizens in the event they are approached by a Private Investigator, that the citizen would be reasonably assured as to their credentials before providing access or personal information to that person.

Thank you
Ginger

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