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SUBJECT: House Bill 4063A

House Bill 4063A provides that a variety of licensing agencies are to accept equivalent military training or experience as meeting certain training or experience requirements for licensure. The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) regulates private security professionals, private investigators, and polygraph examiners, which are identified in Sections 1, 27, 28, and 29 of the bill.

In many cases, the case-by-case analysis of equivalent experience required by the bill is consistent with current practice. For example, our private investigator regulatory program accepts relevant military experience as meeting the requirement for 1,500 hours of investigative experience. We also have an administrative rule under development for our private security program that will allow consideration of equivalent military firearms instructor training for that program. It is unclear whether our current polygraph program statutes allow us to accept equivalent military education and experience as meeting the requirements for licensure as a polygraph examiner. HB 4063A will ensure that we can do so.

As amended by the House, HB 4063A provides that the Department, rather than the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, is to conduct the polygraph equivalency evaluation for polygraph examiners. This is consistent with the structure we already have in place for similar evaluations in the other disciplines that we regulate. It will allow us to process evaluation requests quickly, with guidance from our Polygraph Licensing Advisory Committee.