HB 2183 A   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to adopt rules regarding how prior law enforcement experience and training may be recognized toward satisfying training requirements for certification as a private security professional.

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 51; Nays, 0

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Persons may not perform unarmed or armed private security services unless certified as a Private Security Professional (PSP). ORS 181A.850(1)(d). A private security professional is "an individual who performs, as the individual's primary responsibility, private security services for consideration, regardless of whether the individual, while performing private security services, is armed or unarmed or wears a uniform or plain clothes, and regardless of whether the individual is employed part-time or full-time to perform private security services." ORS 181A.840 (7). The Board on Public Safety Standards and Trainings is tasked with establishing standards for PSP certification, including reasonable minimum standards of physical, emotional, intellectual and moral fitness. ORS 181A.870 (1), (2).

Certification to be an armed PSP requires successful completion of a basic training course, including 14 hours of unarmed basic classroom instruction, exam and assessments, and a minimum of 24 hours of armed instruction, a written examination, safe gun handling test, and marksmanship qualifications. OAR 259-060-0120 (5). Armed PSPs must complete an annual firearms marksmanship qualification and refresher course every year, and armed and unarmed PSPs must complete a four-hour unarmed renewal course and renew their certifications every two years. OAR 259-060-0120 (5); OAR 259-060-0060 (9)(j). PSPs who have not held certification or licensure for over four years must complete basic training in its entirety. OAR 259-060-0060 (10).