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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 31, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. SAYEGH, BURDICK, GLICK, MANKTELOW, K. BROWN, DAVILA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring private investigators to notify the state police when they are employed by a foreign government or foreign national and requiring the state police to maintain a registry of all private investigators who have been employed by a foreign government or foreign national

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 70 of the general business law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-a. Upon the issuance of a private investigator license or the renewal of a private investigator license pursuant to this article, the department of state shall notify the licensee that such licensee is required to inform the state police when they are employed by a foreign government or foreign national. Such notification shall be in addition to any requirement under federal law regarding an individual operating at the direction of a foreign government.

§ 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 88-a to read as follows:

§ 88-a. Private investigator registry. The superintendent of the state police shall maintain a registry of private investigators licensed in the state pursuant to this article who have been employed by foreign nationals and foreign governments. Such registry shall only be open to the attorney general and members of the state police. Such registry shall include:

1. the name of the private investigator;

2. the business name associated with the private investigator;

3. the address at which such business is registered;

4. the name and business name of the client; and

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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5. the address of the client.

§ 3. This act shall take effect six months after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.