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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 28, 2025

Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, ROLISON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to exempting private investigators from restrictions on possessing a weapon in sensitive and restrictive locations and clarifying where security guards may possess a weapon

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 3 of section 265.01-e of the penal law, as amended by section 1 of part F of chapter 55 of the laws of 2023, is amended and a new paragraph (e-1) is added to read as follows:

(e) security guards as defined by and registered under article seven-A of the general business law, **who are licensed to carry a firearm while traveling to and from work,** who have been granted a special armed registration card, while at the location of their employment and during their work hours as such a security guard;

(e-1) private investigators licensed under article seven of the general business law, who are licensed to carry a firearm while traveling to and from and during the course of their employment and at any necessary and appropriate location during their work hours as such a private investigator;

§ 2. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 265.01-d of the penal law, as amended by section 2 of part F of chapter 55 of the laws of 2023, is amended and a new paragraph (d-1) is added to read as follows:

(d) security guards as defined by and registered under article seven-A of the general business law**, who are licensed to carry a firearm while traveling to and from work,** who [~~has~~] **have** been granted a special armed registration card, while at the location of their employment and during their work hours as such a security guard;

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

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(d-1) private investigators licensed under article seven of the general business law, who are licensed to carry a firearm while traveling to and from and during the course of their employment and at any necessary and appropriate location during their work hours as such a private investigator;

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.