

House Bill 364

By: Representatives Collins of the 68th, Powell of the 32nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Nix of the 69th, and Kelley of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-38-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 licensing of armed employees of private detective and private security businesses,
3 qualifications, continuing education, fingerprints, license card, and suspension, so as to
4 exempt persons having completed Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training from
5 required fingerprint submission for application to be licensed as a private guard, watchman,
6 or patrolman; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 43-38-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing of
11 armed employees of private detective and private security businesses, qualifications,
12 continuing education, fingerprints, license card, and suspension, is amended by revising
13 subsection (d) as follows:

14 "(d) The license application shall be made under oath and on a form to be furnished by the
15 division director. The application shall state the applicant's full name, age, and date and
16 place of birth; residences and employment within the past five years; experience in the

17 position applied for or held; the date and place of conviction or arrest for any crime,
18 including the entry of a plea of nolo contendere or the entry of a plea entered pursuant to
19 Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 or other first offender treatment; and such other
20 information as the board may require. The license application shall be accompanied by ~~two~~
21 ~~sets of fingerprints of the applicant and~~ one photograph of the applicant, two inches wide
22 by three inches high, full face, and taken within six months prior to the application. Except
23 for those applicants who have been certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and
24 Training Council as having successfully completed the course of training required by
25 Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act,' the license
26 application shall be further accompanied by two sets of fingerprints of the applicant. The
27 board shall have discretion to deny a license to any individual when the information and
28 supporting documentation required by this subsection are not provided."

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SECTION 2.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.