

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3476

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2023

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3476.

As reported by the committee, this bill concerns the licensing of security officer companies.

Under the Security Officer Registration Act, a person is not to engage in the business of a security officer company, or advertise or hold out a business to be a security officer company, unless the business is licensed by the Superintendent of State Police. Current law defines “owner or operator” as an officer, director, member, sole proprietor, partner, or associate of a private security company. This bill expands the definition to also include nonprofit organizations in addition to private security companies.

The bill defines “nonprofit organization” as an organization located in New Jersey which is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Further, current law requires that an application to be licensed as a security officer company be submitted to the superintendent by each owner and operator of the company. The application is required to contain information setting forth that the owners or operators have five years’ law enforcement experience and are no longer employed by or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency, or five years of experience working in a supervisory or management capacity for a licensed security officer company. This bill clarifies that either the owner or operator is required to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law. The bill provides that the superintendent is not to require both the owner and operator to have law enforcement experience or experience working for a licensed security officer company as set forth under current law.