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Senate Bills 760 – Security Guard Training and Licensure Requirements for Security Guard/Dual Agency License Holders Performing Security Guard Services

The Maryland Department of State Police, Licensing Division is disseminating the following information, to provide clarification and guidance regarding the requirements of Security Guard Agency and Dual Agency (Security Guard and Private Detective) license holders when performing the duties of a Security Guard.

§19-101 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article defines a “Security Guard” as “an individual who...is an employee of a security guard agency and provides security services to another on behalf of the security guard agency...” and a “Security Guard Agency” as “a person who conducts a business that provides security guard services.” These definitions indicate that a “Security Guard” and a “Security Guard Agency” are two separate entities. This is further emphasized in [SB 760](#) (codified in §19-101(c) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article) when the bill establishes training requirements for a Security Guard and no such requirements for a Security Guard Agency.

Therefore, an individual seeking an original or the renewal of a Security Guard Agency or Dual Agency license is NOT required to obtain the 12-hours of initial or 8-hours of renewal security guard training.

However, should the Security Guard Agency or Dual Agency license holder intend on personally providing “security guard services,” as defined in section 19-101(K)2(I) of the Maryland Business Occupations and Professions, **the license holder is required to obtain the 12-hours of initial security guard training, apply for and possess a Security Guard Certification prior to performing any “security guard services.”**

Additional information can be found on the MDSP Licensing Division website at: [Maryland State Police Licensing Division](#). Specific questions can be emailed to: msp.professionallicensing@maryland.gov.

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