

CHAPTER 196
(House Bill 1402)

AN ACT concerning

Private Detective Agencies - Hiring Individuals Not Certified as Private Detectives

FOR the purpose of providing that an individual who is not certified as a private detective may provide private detective services in the State if the individual is employed by or has applied for employment with a licensed private detective agency, the licensed private detective agency has taken certain steps to have the individual certified as a private detective, the individual passes a preliminary investigation, and the Secretary of the State Police has not denied the application; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the hiring of certain uncertified individuals as private detectives by licensed private detective agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Business Occupations and Professions
Section 13-401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Business Occupations and Professions
Section 13-403
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

13-401.

(A) [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN individual shall be certified by the Secretary as a private detective before the individual personally may provide any private detective service in the State.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT CERTIFIED AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE MAY PROVIDE PRIVATE DETECTIVE SERVICES IN THE STATE IF:

(1) THE INDIVIDUAL IS EMPLOYED BY OR HAS APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH A LICENSED PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY;