

(ii) performing any activity of a person who is engaged exclusively in the business of making a report for an insurance or credit purpose, except if the making of the report involves an investigation or surveillance of a sort normally performed by a person who otherwise is subject to this title;

(iii) monitoring an electronically controlled burglar or fire alarm system with a central unit; or

(iv) making a marketing survey.

13-201.

Subject to the provisions of this title, the Secretary is responsible for the licensing of private detective agencies and the regulation of those persons who provide private detective services in the State.

13-301.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person shall be licensed by the Secretary as a private detective agency before the person may:

(1) conduct a business that provides private detective services in the State; and

(2) solicit to engage in a business that provides private detective services in the State.

(b) An individual or a firm may qualify for a license as a private detective agency.

13-401.

(a) 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;

(2) the licensed private detective agency has submitted to the Secretary the application of the individual for certification as a private detective, fingerprint cards, and fees required under § 13-403 of this subtitle;

(3) after a preliminary background investigation, the Secretary determines that the provision of private detective services by the individual would not result in a potential threat to public safety; and

(4) the Secretary has not denied the application.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.