



2018 Enacted Legislation

Below is a synopsis of the legislation enacted into law in 2018 that impact the Practice Acts regulated by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services along with a brief explanation of the substantive changes for each bill.

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of the enacted legislation go into effect on January 1, 2019.

Alarm Company Act

Senate Bill 904 (Chapter 406) makes various changes to the Alarm Company Act that go into effect on January 1, 2019, including:

- Extends the authority for an Alarm Company license to be held by a business organized as a limited liability company (LLC) to January 1, 2024.
- Requires an ACO organized as an LLC to report claims paid during the prior calendar year from the general liability insurance policy required by Business and Professions Code Section 7599.34.
- Requires the Bureau, by January 1, 2023, to share with the Legislature relevant information regarding the renewal of ACO licenses issued to an LLC including any claims paid from the licensee's general liability insurance policy.
- Amends the Alarm Company Act's references to "manager" and "managing member" to align with changes in the California Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. Additionally, several references to "manager" were amended to clarify if it applied to a manager of an LLC or to the qualified manager on the license.

Private Investigator Act

Senate Bill 1217 (Chapter 791) - Revises the provisions in law relating to the issuance of a BSIS Firearms Permit to a Private Investigator (PI) licensee or PI Qualified Manager by removing the cross reference to provisions relating to the issuance of the permit in the Private Security Services Act and incorporating them into the Private Investigator Act. The changes take effect January 1, 2019.

Senate Bill 1289 (Chapter 92) – Clarified the authority for the assignment of a Private Investigator license by repealing a conflicting provision of law in the Private Investigator Act. This change takes effect January 1, 2019.

Legislation Impacting All Practice Acts

Assembly Bill 2138 (Chapter 995) revises provisions in the Business and Professions Code regarding criminal convictions and prior disciplinary actions a regulatory licensing entity, including the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, may consider to deny an application for licensure, or to revoke or suspend an existing license, registration, permit, or certificate. The revisions go into effect on July 1, 2020.

Industry Impacting Bills

Senate Bill 1100 (Chapter 894) – Expands specified restrictions for purchasing or transferring handguns to long arms. Notably, prohibits a person under 21 years of age from purchasing a long arm. The changes take effect January 1, 2019.

You may access any of the above bills and their related legislative analyses at <http://www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>