

By: Representative Ellis (By Request)

To: Insurance;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

1 AN ACT TO CREATE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE A BOARD
2 TO LICENSE AND REGULATE PRIVATELY OWNED, FOR PROFIT, PROTECTIVE
3 SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
4 BOARD AND FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is created within the Department of
8 Insurance a seven-member regulatory board to license and regulate
9 privately owned, for profit, protective services within the State
10 of Mississippi. The Commissioner of Insurance shall appoint the
11 members of the board. The members of the board shall represent
12 each of the following divisions or categories:

- 13 (a) Burglar and fire alarm technicians;
14 (b) Installation and service of fire suppression
15 systems; and
16 (c) Private security officers.

17 From this group, one (1) person may be elected or appointed
18 to be a direct coordinator working with the Insurance Commissioner
19 or his designee.

20 Owners, managers, supervisors and any other person having
21 direct or indirect influence for the day-to-day activities of
22 personnel or their duties shall be under the regulatory authority
23 of this board.

24 Each member of the board shall receive per diem in the amount
25 established in Section 25-3-69 or Section 25-3-41.

26 All expenses of this board shall be paid by funds collected
27 from either registration or permit fees or monetary penalties
28 imposed and deposited in the funds of the Department of Insurance.

29 **SECTION 2.** The board may contract with a person to serve as
30 a coordinator or, with the approval of the Commissioner of
31 Insurance, may employ an individual within the Department of
32 Insurance to serve as a coordinator. The board shall establish
33 the authority and responsibilities of the coordinator. The agency
34 shall:

35 (a) Promulgate and quantify rules, regulations,
36 standards and criteria for licensing a corporation or business to
37 acceptable standards of the State of Mississippi.

38 (b) With the approval of the Department of Insurance,
39 adopt rules to carry out its duties under this act.

40 (c) Set fees, fines, disciplinary procedures and
41 procedures for appeals.

42 (d) Ensure that all personnel, companies and
43 organizations providing the services stated herein to the public
44 in Mississippi possess proper insurance and have a current
45 background investigation.

46 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2005.