

# Legislative Analysis

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## **RED TAPE: PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSES**

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**Senate Bill 1222 as passed by the Senate**

**Sponsor: Sen. Alan Sanborn**

**Senate Committee: Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform**

**House Committee: Commerce**

**Complete to 6-29-04**

## **A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1222 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

The bill would amend the Private Detective License Act to require the Department of Labor and Economic Growth to do the following:

- Issue an initial or renewal license within 90 days after an applicant filed a "completed application" (as defined in the bill).
- Notify the applicant in writing, or make information electronically available, within 30 days after receiving an incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting additional information.
- Refund the license fee and reduce the fee for the applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15 percent if the department missed the deadline.
- Report to the Legislature by December 1 each year, beginning in 2005, regarding the number of applications received and completed within the 90-day time period; the number denied; the number of applicants not issued a license within the 90-day period; and the amount of money returned to applicants.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill would allow for a return of the original license fee and a 15% fee reduction on the next renewal application if the department fails to issue or deny a license within the specified time period. In FY 2002-03 the Department collected approximately \$66,300 from initial and renewal licenses under the Private Detective License Act. Department staff state that they currently operate within the timeframes of this bill so the fiscal impact should be minimal.

It is estimated that there could be additional information technology, computer database costs since there is a new reporting requirement to report on information not currently gathered

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