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Senate Bill 1091 (as enacted)

PUBLIC ACT 359 of 2010

Sponsor: Senator Alan Sanborn

Senate Committee: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

Date Completed: 4-26-11

CONTENT

The bill amended the Professional Investigator Licensure Act to revise an exemption from licensure for certified public accountants.

Under the Act, subject to various exceptions, a person, firm, partnership, company, limited liability company, or corporation may not engage in the business of professional investigator for hire, fee, or reward, and may not advertise its business to be that of a professional investigator, without first obtaining a license.

Previously, the Act did not apply to a certified public accountant (CPA) acting within the scope of his or her licensed professional practice who does not perform investigative services, including surveillance activities or other activities outside of the scope of his or her licensed professional practice.

Under the bill, instead, the Act does not apply to a CPA or public accounting firm currently licensed, registered, or certified by a regulatory agency of this or any other state, including the employees of the CPA or public accounting firm acting within the scope of the individuals' or firms' professional practice.

The bill took effect on December 22, 2010.

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Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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