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MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards

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SUBJECT: **Update on Private Security and Investigative Services**

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The Ministry of the Solicitor General ("ministry") regulates Ontario's private security and investigative services industry through the *Private Security and Investigative Services Act, 2005* (PSISA). The PSISA sets the legislative requirements that all licensed individual security guards, private investigators, agencies, and registered employers that directly employ in-house security staff must adhere.

To support the private security sector in continuing to perform their role and fulfill current contracts without disruption during the COVID-19 outbreak, the ministry will be granting **90-day extensions** to individual security guards, private investigators, agencies, and registered employers whose licences/registrations expire between **March 16, 2020 to June 16, 2020**.

The ministry maintains a public licence registry for all licencees/registrants. The Private Security and Investigative Services Branch online registry can be accessed by using the following link:

http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/PSIS/LicenceRegistry/licensee_list.aspx.

Any individual who has had their licence extended is mandated to continue meeting all licence/registration requirements pursuant to the PSISA for their licence to remain valid. These parameters include the requirement to hold a clean criminal record per O. Reg. 37/08. In accordance with section 10 of the PSISA, licencees are required to notify the ministry within five days if they no longer meet any licence requirements.

Police services may encounter common infractions of the PSISA, such as licensing/identification violations. If found in violation of the PSISA and/or its regulations, individuals and business entities can be subject to charges and, upon conviction, fines or imprisonment.

Police officers across Ontario can enforce the PSISA and its regulations through:

- Ticket issuance under Part I of the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA).
- Set fines range from \$100 to \$400 for PSISA offences, not including victim surcharge and court fee.
- Set fines are prescribed under the POA, Regulation 950, Schedules 74 to 74.8.
- Individuals or businesses found in violation of the PSISA may also be charged under Part III of the POA.

A list of all current and recommended set fines is attached to help inform police services about the types of charges that may be laid under the PSISA to increase compliance throughout the private security industry.

Should there be questions or concerns regarding private security, police officers can directly contact the PSISB at our general email inbox PSISB.Compliance@ontario.ca or by phone at 1-877-459-7070 (monitored during regular business hours (Monday-Friday; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST)).

If the matter requires immediate attention, please contact:

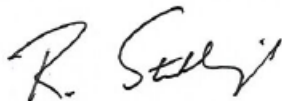
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Thank you in advance for reviewing and distributing these resources to the appropriate personnel.

We appreciate your support during this time.

Sincerely,



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Attachment