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Ministry of Community Safety
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PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES ACT, 2005

Businesses with In-house Security

The new Private Security and Investigative Services Act, 2005, was proclaimed on August 23, 2007, and is now law. The purpose of this new act is to strengthen the professional requirements for security guards and private investigators and to enhance public safety. The new act significantly changes the way the private security industry operates in Ontario.

Under the act, any business entity that employs its own in-house security personnel, but is not in the business of selling security services, is required to register with the Private Security and Investigative Services Branch. This may include, but is not limited to retail stores, hotels and hospitals. Registrations are valid for one year and must be renewed annually. Businesses that employ security staff from a licensed security business do not need to register.

To ensure all registrations are issued on time, businesses are requested to apply before August 23, 2008.

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To view the act and/or its regulations in their entirety, visit:

www.e-laws.gov.on.ca