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Order Waiving Requalification Requirements for Private Investigators, Private Patrol Operators, Security Guards, and Alarm Company Agents

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-40-20 and N-75-20, during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may, for licensing agencies within the Department, waive any statutory or regulatory continuing education requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code.

Accordingly, for individuals whose firearm permits expire between July 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, the Director temporarily waives Business and Professions Code sections 7542.11, subdivision (b)(2), 7583.32, subdivision (b)(2), and 7596.7, subdivision (c), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 633, subdivisions (a) and (b)(1), to the extent they require such individuals to complete four training courses, examinations and range qualifications in order to renew a firearm permit, subject to the condition that such individuals must complete three of the four training courses, examinations and range qualification necessary to renew a firearm permit.

Permittees must satisfy any waived renewal requirements within 60 days of this order.

This temporary waiver does not relieve such individuals from timely complying with any other renewal requirements, including completing and submitting the required renewal forms to the governing licensing agency.

As a result of this waiver, the Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security and Investigative Services may renew firearm permits despite noncompliance with the statutory or regulatory requalification renewal requirements identified above. Such renewal shall, however, be subject to revocation if the permittee does not satisfy the waived renewal requirements within 60 days of this order.

This order is effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.

Dated: March 30, 2021

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director