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DIVISION 3. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS GENERALLY [5000 - 9998.11] (*Heading of Division 3 added by Stats. 1939, Ch. 30.)*

CHAPTER 11.3. Private Investigators [7512 - 7573.5] (*Chapter 11.3 added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4.)*

ARTICLE 1. General [7512 - 7514] (*Article 1 added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4.)*

7512. This chapter may be cited as the Private Investigator Act.

(*Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.*)

7512.1. As used in this chapter, "director" means the Director of Consumer Affairs, unless the context indicates otherwise.

(*Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.*)

7512.2. The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(*Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.*)

7512.3. (a) As used in this chapter, "person" includes any individual, firm, company, limited liability company, association, organization, partnership, and corporation.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

(*Amended (as amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 625, Sec. 18) by Stats. 2024, Ch. 484, Sec. 7. (SB 1454) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions. See later operative version, as amended by Sec. 8 of Stats. 2024, Ch. 484.*)

7512.3. (a) As used in this chapter, "person" includes any individual, firm, company, association, organization, partnership, and corporation.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2030.

(*Amended (as amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 625, Sec. 19) by Stats. 2024, Ch. 484, Sec. 8. (SB 1454) Effective January 1, 2025. Operative January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.*)

7512.4. As used in this chapter, "bureau" means the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

(*Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.*)

7512.5. As used in this chapter, "chief" means the Chief of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

(*Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.*)

7512.6. As used in this chapter, "licensee" means a person licensed under this chapter.

(*Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.*)

7512.7. (a) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Qualified manager" means the individual under whose direction, control, charge, or management the business of a licensee is operated as specified in Section 7536, and who is in possession of a current and valid qualified manager's certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

(2) The holder of a qualified manager license is an individual who has applied for and received a qualified manager license, as provided in Section 7525.2, and is eligible to be associated with more than one private investigator license pursuant to subdivision

(c) of Section 7536.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2025.

(Repealed (in Sec. 1) and added by Stats. 2023, Ch. 571, Sec. 2. (AB 1244) Effective January 1, 2024. Operative January 1, 2025, by its own provisions.)

7512.10. As used in this chapter, “employer” means a person who employs an individual for wages or salary, lists the individual on the employer’s payroll records, and withholds all legally required deductions and contributions.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.)

7512.11. As used in this chapter, “employee” means an individual who works for an employer, is listed on the employer’s payroll records, and is under the employer’s direction and control.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.)

7512.12. As used in this chapter, “employer-employee” relationship means a relationship in which an individual works for another, the individual’s name appears on the payroll records of the employer, and the employee is under the direction and control of the employer.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.)

7512.13. As used in this chapter, “firearm permit” includes “firearms permit,” “firearms qualification card,” “firearms qualification,” and “firearms qualification permit.”

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.)

7512.14. (a) As used in this chapter, “member” means an individual who is a member of a limited liability company as specified in Section 17704.01 of the Corporations Code.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 484, Sec. 9. (SB 1454) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)

7512.15. (a) As used in this chapter, “manager” means an individual designated under an operating agreement of a manager-managed limited liability company who is responsible for performing the management functions for the limited liability company specified in subdivision (c) of Section 17704.07 of the Corporations Code.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 484, Sec. 10. (SB 1454) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2030, by its own provisions.)

7513. Every power and duty granted to or imposed upon the director may be exercised by any other officer or employee of the Department of Consumer Affairs authorized by the director, but the director shall have the supervision of and the responsibility for all powers and duties exercised by these officers and employees.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.)

7513.5. The director may, in accordance with the State Civil Service Act and subject to the provisions of Section 159.5, appoint and fix the compensation of inspectors, investigators, and other personnel as may be necessary for the enforcement of this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.)

7514. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as entitling any person to practice law in this state unless he or she is an active member of the State Bar of California.

(Added by Stats. 1994, Ch. 1285, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 1995.)