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**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC**

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

**CHAPTER 8.5. Locksmiths [6980 - 6981]** ( *Chapter 8.5 repealed and added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. )*

**ARTICLE 2. Administration [6980.1 - 6980.9]** ( *Article 2 added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. )*

**6980.1.** There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. The bureau is under the supervision and control of the director. The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(*Added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1994.*)

**6980.2.** The Governor shall appoint a chief of the bureau at a salary to be fixed in accordance with Section 12080.3 of the Government Code. The chief shall serve under the direction and supervision of the director.

(*Repealed and added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1994.*)

**6980.3.** The director, in accordance with the State Civil Service Act, and Section 159.5, may appoint and fix the compensation of such clerical, inspection, investigation, and auditing personnel, as well as an assistant chief, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Except as otherwise provided in Section 159.5, all personnel shall perform their respective duties under the supervision and direction of the chief.

(*Added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1994.*)

**6980.4.** The chief shall gather evidence of violations of this chapter and of any rule or regulation established under this chapter by unlicensed persons who engage in a business for which a license is required under this chapter, and shall furnish the evidence to prosecuting officers of any county, city, or city and county for the purpose of prosecuting those violations.

(*Added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1994.*)

**6980.5.** It shall be the duty of the chief to initiate and conduct investigations into the business operations of any locksmith, on his or her own motion, if the locksmith is not operating in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or there has been a written complaint to the bureau about the actions and conduct of the locksmith or his or her employees.

(*Added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1994.*)

**6980.6.** (a) Every power and duty granted to, or imposed upon, the director under this chapter may be delegated to the chief, except that the director may not delegate authority to adopt, or otherwise act upon, any proposed decision of a hearing officer after a hearing under the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(b) The chief may delegate any power or duty granted to, or imposed upon, him or her under this chapter to the deputy chief, the assistant chief, or any inspection, investigation, or auditing personnel of the bureau or the department.

(*Repealed and added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1994.*)

**6980.7.** (a) The director may adopt and enforce rules and regulations as may be reasonable and necessary for issuing licenses to applicants, for the conduct of the licensees, or for the general enforcement of this chapter in the protection of the public.

(b) These rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(*Repealed and added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1994.*)

**6980.8.** The chief or his or her designee may inspect, examine, or investigate the relevant records, books, accounts, and files created and maintained by a locksmith. The chief shall have access to those relevant business records necessary to the examination for the purpose of performing a random audit to determine compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

*(Added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1263, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1994.)*

**6980.9.** It is the intent of the Legislature, consistent with Section 128.5 of the Business and Professions Code, that the bureau shall not maintain a reserve balance of funds greater than the amount necessary to fund operating expenses of the bureau and that the bureau shall periodically review fees pursuant to this chapter to evaluate the appropriateness of each fee and the regulatory costs associated with each fee.

*(Added by Stats. 2017, Ch. 429, Sec. 18. (SB 547) Effective January 1, 2018.)*