

ILLINOIS

Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security and Locksmith Act

- Creates a licensing Board under the Department of Professional Regulation.
- Licensed required of armed employees, private detectives, private alarm contractor or agency, locksmiths, private detective (contractor or agency).
- The practice of locksmithing is defined as “includes, but is not limited to, the servicing, installing, originating first keys, re-coding, manipulation, or bypassing of mechanical or electronic locking devices at premises, vehicles, safes, vaults, safe deposit boxes, or automatic teller machines.”
- Does not apply to state or national government officers, credit bureau, insurance agent, employment verification, hardware retailers, automobile alarms, remodeling contractors, lock manufacturers, maintenance employee.
- Requirements: at least 21 years old; not convicted of a felony within the last 10 years; not incompetent, or have a history of alcohol or drug dependency; not dishonorably discharged from the armed services, successfully passed an exam authorized by the department; proof of insurance sufficient for the individual’s business circumstances.
- Employees of the locksmith agency must be at least 18 years old.
- Must carry the state issued identification card at all times.
- Locksmiths must record every call with customer’s name, address, work to be done, etc.
- There is opportunity for a hearing for improper revocation of a license.
- There is state to state reciprocity of licensing requirements.
- Further information may be obtained at <http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/WHO/lock.asp>
- Also, available for legislative questions is Allied Locksmiths for Illinois at: www.alliedlocksmiths.org.

THIS IS A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE LAW AND DOES NOT INTEND TO REPRESENT THE ENTIRE SET OF QUALIFICATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS. FOR FULL TEXT OF THE LAW GO TO:

<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/06801240sections.html>