



2020 Enacted Legislation

Below is a synopsis of the legislation enacted into law in 2020 that impact the Practice Acts regulated by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services along with a brief explanation of the substantive changes for each bill.

NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of the enacted legislation go into effect on January 1, 2021.

Collateral Recovery Act

Assembly Bill 2759 (Chapter 354) - This bill extends the time to reinstate an expired repossession agency license from three to ten years. Further, this bill allows an immediate family member, in the case of the death of a repossession agency licensed as an individual, to continue the business under the same license number and business name if the immediate family member submits a written request and initial application to the Bureau within 120 days following the death of the licensee.

Private Investigator Act

Senate Bill 1474 (Chapter 312) – This bill extends the authority for a Private Investigator licensee to be structured as a limited liability company to January 1, 2024.

Alarm Company Act

Assembly Bill 2471 (Chapter 158) – This bill extends the period of time to cancel an alarm system contract from 3 to 5 business days if the buyer is a senior citizen, as defined, for contracts, or offers to purchase conveyed, entered into, on or after January 1, 2021 pursuant to Sections 1689.6 and 1689.7 of the Civil Code.

Department Wide Bills

1. **Senate Bill 1474** (Chapter 312) – This bill authorizes DCA Boards and Bureaus to take disciplinary action against a licensee if the licensee fails to comply with an order of abatement within 30 days and prohibits a licensee from including a provision in a contract or proposed contract limiting the consumer’s ability to file a complaint with a DCA Board or Bureau or participate in an investigation into the licensee.

2. **Assembly Bill 2113** (Chapter 186) - This bill requires DCA Boards and Bureaus to expedite the initial licensure process for an applicant who provides evidence that they have been admitted to the US as a refugee, have been granted political asylum, or have a special immigrant visa, as specified.

3. **Senate Bill 878** (Chapter 131) - This bill requires DCA Boards and Bureaus to display application processing timeframes, as specified, on its website on at least a quarterly basis.

You may access any of the above bills and their related legislative analyses at:

<http://www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>