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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF  
9 VOICE STRESS ANALYSIS EXAMINERS; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 OF VOICE STRESS ANALYSIS EXAMINERS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-39-301 is amended to read as follows:

21 17-39-301. Definitions.

22 As used in this subchapter:

23 (1) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Arkansas  
24 Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies;

25 (2) "Board" means the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators  
26 and Private Security Agencies created by § 17-40-201;

27 ~~(1)~~(3) "Voice stress analysis" means the procedure for analyzing  
28 the responses of an individual to a specific set of questions;

29 ~~(2)~~(4) "Voice stress analysis examiner" means an individual who  
30 has been trained in the operation of a voice stress analysis machine and who  
31 maintains a current certificate from a recognized training facility; and

32 ~~(3)~~(5) "Voice stress analysis machine" means a device which has  
33 the ability to electronically analyze the responses of an individual to a  
34 specific set of questions and to record the analysis, both digitally and on a  
35 graph.  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-39-304 is amended to read as follows:

2 17-39-304. Application for license – Proof and fee.

3 ~~(a)~~ Any person desiring to be licensed as a voice stress analysis  
4 examiner shall make application for licensure to the ~~Arkansas Board of~~  
5 ~~Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies~~ administrator of the  
6 Board of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security  
7 Agencies and shall submit with the application proof satisfactory to the  
8 board that the applicant:

9 (1) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

10 (2) Is an Arkansas resident;

11 ~~(2)(3)~~ Is a person of honesty, truthfulness, integrity, and  
12 moral fitness;

13 ~~(3)(4)~~ Has not ~~been convicted of a~~ pleaded guilty or “nolo  
14 contendere” to or been found guilty of a felony or a misdemeanor involving  
15 moral turpitude;

16 ~~(4)(A)(5)~~ Holds a baccalaureate degree from a college or  
17 university accredited by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars  
18 and Admissions or, in lieu thereof, has had five (5) years of investigative  
19 experience with a law enforcement agency.

20 ~~(B) However, any person who was employed as a voice stress~~  
21 ~~analyst on July 1, 1987, shall not be required to meet the requirements of~~  
22 ~~this subdivision (a)(4);~~

23 ~~(5)(6)~~ Has completed a course of training offering a  
24 certification in the operation of the voice stress analysis machine that has  
25 been approved by the board and submits a copy of the certification with the  
26 application; and

27 ~~(6)(7)~~ Has posted a surety bond or insurance policy in the  
28 amount of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or  
29 proof that the individual is covered by a business insurance policy.

30 ~~(b) Each application shall be accompanied by an examination or~~  
31 ~~qualification fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00), which shall be credited against~~  
32 ~~the license fee of the applicant if the applicant is issued a license.~~  
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34 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-39-305 is amended to read as follows:

35 17-39-305. Fees.

36 (a) ~~The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security~~

1 ~~Agencies shall collect~~ applicant for licensure under this subchapter shall  
 2 pay the following fees:

3 ~~(1) For an examination or qualification, twenty dollars~~  
 4 ~~(\$20.00);~~

5 ~~(2)(1) For an original~~ two-year voice stress analysis examiner's  
 6 license, ~~sixty dollars (\$60.00)~~ one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00);

7 ~~(3)(2) For the annual~~ a two-year renewal of a voice stress  
 8 analysis examiner's license, ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ fifty dollars  
 9 (\$50.00);

10 (3) For the issuance of an optional wallet-sized voice stress  
 11 analysis license photo identification card, fifteen dollars (\$15.00); and

12 (4) For the issuance of a duplicate voice stress analysis  
 13 examiner's license, ten dollars (\$10.00).

14 (b) All fees collected under this subchapter shall be deposited into  
 15 the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Arkansas State Police  
 16 Fund.

17 (c)(1) All funds received by the board shall be deposited into the  
 18 State Treasury as special revenues to the credit of the fund.

19 (2) Money remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall not  
 20 revert to any other fund but shall carry over to the next fiscal year.

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 22 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-39-306 is amended to read as follows:

23 17-39-306. Grounds for ~~refusing to issue~~ denial, suspending, or  
 24 revoking licenses.

25 The ~~Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security~~  
 26 ~~Agencies~~ board may ~~refuse to issue or may deny,~~ suspend, or revoke a license  
 27 on any ~~one (1) or more~~ of the following grounds:

28 (1) For failing to inform a subject to be examined as to the  
 29 nature of the examination;

30 (2) For failing to inform a subject to be examined that his or  
 31 her participation in the examination is voluntary;

32 (3) Any material misstatement in the application for original  
 33 license or in the application for any renewal license under this subchapter;

34 (4) Any willful disregard or violation of this subchapter or of  
 35 any ~~regulation or~~ rule issued pursuant to this subchapter, including, but not  
 36 limited to, willfully making a false report concerning an examination for

1 voice stress analysis examination purposes;

2 (5) If the holder of any license has been adjudged guilty of the  
3 commission of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

4 (6) For making any willful misrepresentation or false promises  
5 or causing to be printed any false or misleading advertisement for the  
6 purpose of directly or indirectly obtaining business or trainees;

7 (7) For having demonstrated unworthiness or incompetency to act  
8 as a voice stress analysis examiner ~~as defined by § 17-39-301;~~

9 (8) For allowing one's license under this subchapter to be used  
10 by any ~~unlicensed~~ other person ~~in violation of the provisions of this~~  
11 ~~subchapter;~~

12 (9) For willfully aiding or abetting another in the violation of  
13 this subchapter or any regulation or rule issued pursuant to this subchapter;

14 (10) ~~Where the license holder has been adjudged an habitual~~  
15 ~~drunkard or mentally incompetent as provided in the Probate Code~~ For failing  
16 to maintain the requirements for licensure with the board;

17 (11) For failing, within a reasonable time, to provide  
18 information requested by the Secretary of the ~~Arkansas Board of Private~~  
19 ~~Investigators and Private Security Agencies~~ board as the result of a formal  
20 complaint to the Board which would indicate a violation of this subchapter;  
21 or

22 (12) For failing to inform the subject of the voice stress  
23 analysis of the results of the examination if so requested.

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25 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-39-307 is amended to read as follows:

26 17-39-307. ~~Information furnished on equipment~~ Rules.

27 ~~In order to ensure that the equipment to be used meets the minimum~~  
28 ~~requirements, each person or entity using or proposing to use a voice stress~~  
29 ~~analysis machine shall furnish to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators~~  
30 ~~and Private Security Agencies:~~

31 (1) ~~The make and model of the machine; and~~

32 (2) ~~The serial number of the particular machine.~~

33 The board may promulgate rules to permit the efficient administration  
34 of this subchapter.

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36 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-39-308 is amended to read as follows:

1 17-39-308. Conduct of voice stress analysis.

2 (a) A voice stress analysis shall be conducted only in person ~~or from~~  
 3 ~~a legally recorded conversation.~~

4 (b)~~(1)~~ ~~If the~~ The test is to be conducted through an in-person  
 5 interview, written permission for the test must be obtained from the person  
 6 to be tested.

7 ~~(2) If the test is to be conducted from a recorded conversation,~~  
 8 ~~the conversation may either be recorded with the individual present or by use~~  
 9 ~~of a recorded telephone conversation.~~

10 (c)(1) ~~In either event, the~~ The examiner shall obtain the permission  
 11 of the individual to be tested to interview and record the responses of the  
 12 individual and to analyze the individual responses.

13 (2) In each case, the individual's verbal permission shall be  
 14 recorded as a part of the interview.

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 16 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 39, Subchapter 3, is  
 17 amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

18 17-39-309. Background checks.

19 (a) Each first-time applicant and each applicant for license renewal  
 20 shall be required to apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of  
 21 Arkansas State Police for a state and national criminal background check to  
 22 be conducted by the Identification Bureau and the Federal Bureau of  
 23 Investigation.

24 (b) The check shall conform to applicable federal standards and shall  
 25 include the taking of fingerprints.

26 (c) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the board and  
 27 shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal  
 28 background check.

29 (d) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the  
 30 Identification Bureau shall forward to the board all releasable information  
 31 obtained concerning the applicant.

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 33 17-39-310. Penalties.

34 A person who violates any provision of this chapter or a person who  
 35 falsely states or represents that he or she has been or is a properly  
 36 licensed voice stress analysis examiner shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

1 Upon conviction, that person shall be punished by a fine of not less than one  
2 hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by  
3 imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not to exceed six (6) months,  
4 or both.

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6 17-39-311. Injunction.

7 (a) If a person violates any provisions of this chapter, the  
8 Administrator of the Board of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and  
9 Private Security Agencies, upon direction of a majority of the board and in  
10 the name of the State of Arkansas, through the Attorney General, shall apply  
11 in any circuit court of competent jurisdiction for an order enjoining the  
12 violation or for an order enforcing compliance with this chapter.

13 (b) Upon the filing of a verified petition in the court, a judge of  
14 the court , if satisfied by affidavit or otherwise that the person has  
15 violated this chapter, may issue a temporary injunction without notice or  
16 bond enjoining the continued violation. If it is established that the person  
17 has violated or is violating this chapter, a judge of the court may enter a  
18 decree perpetually enjoining the violation or enforcing compliance with this  
19 chapter.

20 (c) In case of violation of any order or decree issued under the  
21 provisions of this section, a judge of the court may sentence the offender  
22 for contempt of court.

23 (d) Punishment for violation under this section shall be in addition  
24 to, but not in lieu of, all other remedies and penalties provided by this  
25 chapter.

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27 17-39-312. Evidence.

28 This chapter shall not be construed as permitting the results of voice  
29 stress analysis examinations to be introduced or admitted as evidence into a  
30 court of criminal law.

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32 17-39-313. Board – Powers and duties.

33 (a) The board is authorized and empowered to perform and carry out the  
34 functions and duties enumerated within this chapter with respect to the  
35 licensing of voice stress analysis examiners and to perform all other acts  
36 incidental and necessary to the proper performance of the functions and

1 duties as prescribed in this chapter.

2 (b) The board shall issue rules consistent with the provisions of this  
3 chapter for the administration and enforcement of this chapter and shall  
4 prescribe forms which shall be issued in connection therewith.

5 (c) An order or a certified copy thereof, over the board seal and  
6 purporting to be signed by the board members, shall be prima facie proof that  
7 the signatures are the genuine signatures of the board members and that the  
8 board members are fully qualified to act.

9 (d) The position of Administrator of the Arkansas Board of Private  
10 Investigators and Private Security Agencies is created. The Director of the  
11 Department of Arkansas State Police, or his or her designated representative,  
12 shall serve as the administrator. The administrator shall not be a member of  
13 the board, shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the board, and  
14 shall have no financial or business interests, contingent or otherwise, in  
15 any security services contractor or investigating company.

16 (e) All legal process and all documents required by law to be served  
17 upon or filed with the board shall be served or filed with the administrator  
18 at the designated office of the board.

19 (f) All official records of the board or affidavits by the  
20 administrator as to the content of the records shall be prima facie evidence  
21 of all matters required to be kept by the board.

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