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Senator Scott Thomas
Representative William T. Culpepper, III
Representative Joe L. Kiser
Joint Governmental Operations Subcommittee
on Justice and Public Safety
North Carolina General Assembly
Raleigh, NC 27601

RE: Review of Proposed Fee Increase by the N.C. Private Protective Services Board - 12 NCAC 7D .0903

Dear Senator Thomas, Representative Culpepper and Representative Kiser:

The N.C. Private Protective Services Board is a state occupational licensing board charged with the responsibility of licensing, registering, and training armed and unarmed security officers who work for private security companies within the State. Although established within the N.C. Department of Justice, the Board is fully receipt-funded and as such receives no financial support through the State's General Fund.

Since the Board regulates security officer training programs, it is permitted pursuant to G.S. § 74C-9(e)(9 & 10) to regulate and charge the certified trainers. As such, a certified trainer may be charged up to \$50.00 for an initial application certificate fee and up to \$25.00 for a biennial certificate renewal fee. Please note the statute does not make a distinction between "armed" and "unarmed" trainers. The Board currently charges armed trainers a \$40.00 application fee and a \$25.00 renewal fee. The Board has not charged unarmed trainers an application fee and at the present time, an unarmed certification does not expire once issued. However, the Board has adopted a new certification program which increases the standards for unarmed trainer certification and creates a two-year certification period. Renewal will be required every two years thereafter, requiring additional staff time to evaluate and process those applications on a regular basis. The rule amendment will now allow for charging the unarmed trainers an application fee and a renewal fee.

The Board has voted to amend 12 NCAC 7D .0903 to charge the unarmed trainers a \$25.00 initial application fee and a biennial certificate renewal fee of \$25.00. The Board anticipates an annual revenue from the fee increase to be approximately \$5,625.00. As the Board's Director, I anticipate that approximately 225 individuals will submit a new/renewal application each year (225 new/renewal applicants per year X \$25.00 = \$5,625).




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On behalf of the Board, I am requesting that Subcommittee and the Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations review our proposal favorably. I will be in attendance at the Subcommittee meeting and available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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W. Wayne Woodard, Director
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