Alabama Private Investigator Limited License Recognition Agreement with Florida

The Alabama Private Investigation Board (APIB) has now entered into a limited Private Investigator license recognition agreement with the Florida Department of Agricuture and Consumer Services (FDACS). This Limited License Recognition Agreement provides for the following:

- (1) A resident of Alabama who is currently licensed as a private investigator by the APIB, may be granted a limited licensure exemption from the licensing requirements of Florida.
- (2) A resident of Florida who is currently licensed as a private investigator by FDACS, may be granted limited licensure exemption from the licensing requirements in Alabama.
- (3) The licensure exemption is only available to:
 - (a) Private Investigators who are licensed in the states of Alabama or Florida and whose license(s) are in good standing with the issuing state licensing authority.
 - (b) Alabama and Florida private investigators, qualified per sub-paragraph (a) above may enter the reciprocating state to conduct private investigations only if the investigation originated in their home state. Furthermore, investigation in the reciprocating state is limited to thirty (30) days per agency per case per year. Investigations exceeding thirty (30) days must be handled by a licensed private investigator in the reciprocating state. The exemption does not authorize private investigators to solicit private investigative business in the reciprocating state or to conduct private investigative business in the reciprocating state other than as specifically stated in this paragraph. Private investigators are prohibited from carrying firearms while conducting professional investigative services in the reciprocating state. Private investigators conducting professional investigative services in the reciprocating state shall abide by the statutes and rules of that state.
- (4) All individuals exempted under this agreement must be affiliated with a properly licensed investigative agency in Alabama or Florida.
- (5) The parties agree to an irrevocable consent that service of process, in any complaint or disciplinary action filed against the investigator arising out of the investigator's activities in the reciprocating state may be made by delivery of such process on the administrator of the private investigation regulatory agency in his/her/its state of residence. In addition, the private investigator or private investigative agency consents to the jurisdiction of the reciprocating state should a complaint or disciplinary action in the reciprocating state be filed.

(6) Private investigators whose license(s) has/have been suspended or revoked for law or rule violations in any state shall not be eligible for license recognition for ten (10) years from the effective date of the suspension or revocation.

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