



2015 SENATE BILL 460

December 18, 2015 – Introduced by Senators MOULTON and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives T. LARSON, BALLWEG, KRUG, A. OTT and SCHRAA. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit and Regulatory Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 440.26 (3g) of the statutes; **relating to:** continuing education
2 requirements for private detectives and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires an individual who holds a private detective license issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS), at the time that he or she applies for a renewal of his or her license, to submit evidence satisfactory to DPS that he or she has completed at least 7.5 hours of continuing education in each of the one-year periods within the last licensure period in courses that satisfy standards established by DPS by rule, except that the requirement does not apply with respect to an initial renewal of a private detective license. The bill requires DPS to promulgate rules establishing standards for continuing education courses required under the bill, which must require that courses contribute to the applicant's professional competence as a private detective. DPS may identify sponsors of continuing education programs that have the presumption of satisfying those standards, and may conduct audits of licensees for assessing compliance with the continuing education requirements under the bill.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SENATE BILL 460**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 440.26 (3g) of the statutes is created to read:

2 440.26 **(3g)** CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVES. (a)

3 An individual who holds a private detective license shall, at the time that he or she
4 applies for a renewal of his or her license, submit evidence satisfactory to the
5 department that he or she has completed at least 7.5 hours of continuing education
6 in each of the one-year periods within the 2-year licensure period prior to the
7 renewal date in courses that satisfy the standards established by the department
8 under par. (b). The requirement under this paragraph does not apply to an applicant
9 for renewal of a license that expires on the first renewal date after the date on which
10 the department initially granted the license.

11 (b) The department shall promulgate rules establishing standards for
12 continuing education courses required under this subsection, which shall require
13 that courses contribute to the applicant's professional competence as a private
14 detective. The department may identify sponsors of continuing education programs
15 that have the presumption of satisfying the standards established under this
16 paragraph.

17 (c) The department may conduct audits of licensees for assessing compliance
18 with the continuing education requirements under this subsection.

19 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

20 (1) This act first applies to a renewal of a license for the September 1, 2018,
21 renewal date.

22 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

23 (1) This act takes effect on September 2, 2016, or on the day after publication,
24 whichever is later.

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