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# Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agents

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## AT A GLANCE

- Regulates 326 Private Detective and Protective Agent License individual and corporate license holders
- These license holders employ over 7500 employees
- The agency's current budget is \$120,000 annually.
- The agency's revenue has increased the past year from \$139,000 to \$180,000. This is a 30% increase.
- With the improving economy and recent enforcement of dual licensing the amount of revenues is expected to increase.

## PURPOSE

The mission of the Private Detective and Protective Agent Board is to ensure investigative and security service license holders meet and maintain statutory qualifications. This includes, but is not limited to, meeting criteria in criminal background checks, educational requirements, proof of financial responsibility, and ensuring license holders are acting responsibly and for the best interest of their clients.

With public safety and consumer protection as our main guidelines the agency investigates complaints against license holders, provides support to law enforcement and the courts in regard to unlicensed activity, and works towards increasing the guality of the industry.

Our agency provides assistance to applicants and current license holders in order to help them achieve success in what is a difficult field.



## BUDGET

#### Our strategies include:

**Streamlining Procedures**: In order to process applications, renewals, officer changes, and training certifications more quickly our agency has implemented a number of initiatives. These include the use of a consent agenda for quick approval by the Board, revising forms, revising the license renewal process, using email verses U.S. mail, and working with license holders to resolve application issues before going to the board.

**Education:** The private investigation and protective agents industry covers an extensive area of knowledge, requiring frequent communication with license holders, the general public, the courts, and law enforcement. We are developing downloadable information for use by those entities involved with private security and private detectives.

**Updating our Website:** A large percentage of our time is spent dealing with hard-copy inquiries about forms. We will be adding downloadable forms and other information of interest to applicants, license holders, law enforcement, and the general public. We expect to complete this project within a year.

Auditing: License holders are currently audited when their licenses are renewed, every two years. Auditing earlier will help identify important compliance issues sooner. We will be conducting earlier onsite visits and more random audits to reduce these issues.

### RESULTS

Type of Measure	Name of Measure	Previous	Current	Dates
Quality	Application Process	Avg. 17 Months	Avg. under 4 months	FY 2012 & FY 2014
Quality	Penalty and Fine Revenue	\$3,673	\$1,049	FY 2012 & FY 2014
Quantity	Non-salary Operating Expenses	\$9,766	\$5,920	FY 2012 & FY 2014
Quantity	# of license holders	282	326	FY 2012 & FY 2014

M.S. 326.33 (<u>https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=326.33</u>) provides the legal authority for the Private Detective and Protective Agency Board.

(Dollars in Thousands)

#### Expenditures By Fund

	Actu FY12	ual FY13	Actual FY14	Estimate FY15	Forecast FY16	Base FY17	Govern Recomme FY16	
1000 - General	110	123	116	168	120	120	122	124
Total	110	123	116	168	120	120	122	124
Biennial Change				51		(44)		(38)
Biennial % Change				22		(15)		(13)
Governor's Change from Base								6
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Expenditures by Program								
Program: Priv Detect/protect Agents Bd	110	123	116	168	120	120	122	124
Total	110	123	116	168	120	120	122	124
Expenditures by Category								
Compensation	100	119	112	116	112	112	114	116
Operating Expenses	10	4	4	52	8	8	8	8
Capital Outlay-Real Property	0							
Total	110	123	116	168	120	120	122	124
Full-Time Equivalents	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

(Dollars in Thousands)

#### 1000 - General

	Actual		Actual Estimate		Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY12	FY 13	FY 14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
Balance Forward In		10		4				
Direct Appropriation	120	120	120	164	120	120	122	124
Cancellations		7						
Expenditures	110	123	116	168	120	120	122	124
Balance Forward Out	10		4					
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FTEs	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

## **Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agents**

# FY16-17 Biennial Budget Change Item

#### Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Fund				
Expenditures	2	4	4	4
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact =	2	4	4	4
(Expenditures – Revenues)				
FTEs	0	0	0	0

#### **Recommendation**:

The Governor recommends additional funding for compensation related costs associated with the delivery of agency services. This amount represents an annual increase of 1.8% for General Fund compensation costs.

#### Rationale/Background:

Each year, compensation costs rise due to labor contract settlements, and changes in employer-paid contributions for insurance, FICA, Medicare, retirement, and other factors. Absorbing this increase in compensation costs within existing agency base appropriations results in reduced staffing and/or reduced non-compensation spending.

#### Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agencies' general fund budgets for employee wage and benefit costs by 1.8% per year for FY 2016-17. Agencies were instructed to include a 1.8% increase to total compensation each year in their base budgets, based upon the compound annual compensation spending rate increase per FTE over the last ten years for executive branch employees. This recommendation is intended to allow agencies to maintain their current level of agency operations.

For non-General Fund direct appropriated funds, the Governor's budget recommendations also include an adjustment of 1.8% per year, where the amount can be supported by the source of revenue.

#### **Results:**

This proposal is intended to allow agencies to continue to provide current levels of service and information to the public.

# Statutory Change(s):

N.A.