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**JB PRITZKER**  
GOVERNOR

May 3, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements of the Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) has undertaken a study of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's administration of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 (the Act) (225 ILCS 447). GOMB has provided my office with a copy of the study and its recommendations regarding whether the Act should be terminated, modified, or continued. I have reviewed GOMB's submission and offer the following comments and recommendations to the General Assembly for its consideration.

The Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 governs the licensure of private detectives, private alarm contractors, private security contractors, fingerprint vendors, and locksmiths in the State of Illinois. The absence of regulation of these groups would pose a significant and direct harm to the safety and welfare of the public. The lack of regulation would also negatively impact the ethical standards that protect consumers and the services they receive. Continued licensure and regulation of these professionals will ensure individuals providing such services have achieved educational and training requirements while ensuring continued adherence to industry standards of practice to maintain licensure, the result of which will promote and enhance public safety. Therefore, the safety of the public is put at risk without proper training, licensing, and oversight of this industry.

The absence of regulation of this industry would pose a significant and direct harm to the welfare of the public. Current evidence does not suggest that imposition of the state regulatory standards is such a burden as to outweigh the benefits to the safety and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the licensure and regulation of this industry. Consequently, the Act is necessary ensure the safety and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 should be continued to promote and enhance the safety and welfare of the public and does not place an undue burden on licensees or commerce.

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget's report of its study is provided for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", written over a large, stylized "A" or similar mark.

Governor JB Pritzker