

AB2780
Security Firm Whistleblower (Private Patrol Operators)
Effective 1/1/03

This bill would allow any person in the state to file a complaint alleging a registered person or a person who applied for registration with the bureau fails to meet registration or licensure standards. The bill would also require the bureau to issue a response to the charging or complaining party in accordance with established procedures.

This bill would also make it a violation of Section 1102.5 of the Labor Code for a private patrol operator to discharge, demote, threaten, or otherwise discriminate against an employee in the terms and conditions of his or her employment, because that employee has disclosed information to a government or law enforcement agency relating to conduct proscribed by this law. The bill would provide that a private patrol operator would be liable to the injured party in an action for damages if the private patrol operator intentionally violated these provisions. The bill would authorize a person who has been discharged or discriminated against to bring a claim against the private patrol operator within 3 years of the date of the discharge, demotion, threat, or discrimination. The bill would specify that neither the department nor the bureau would be responsible for resolving the claims.