



**Department  
of State**

**2022 ANNUAL REPORT:  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE SECURITY GUARD ACT**

*PURSUANT TO SECTION 89-S OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW*

**FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR, TEMPORARY PRESIDENT  
OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY**

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Governor**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In compliance with section 89-s of the General Business Law (the “GBL”), the Department of State (the “Department”) respectfully submits the following report on the implementation, procedures, operation, training, and enforcement of the Security Guard Act.

## **SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION**

On December 31, 2022, there were 172,831 registered security guards.

In 2022, the Department received 99,109 applications for registration as a security guard, including initial applications and renewal applications. Of these applications, 914 were denied for the reasons set forth in Article 7-A of the General Business Law.

## **PROCESSING STATISTICS**

### A. Fingerprint Cards:

In 2022, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (the “DCJS”) reports that it processed 45,465 fingerprint submissions for initial security guard applicants. DCJS also processed a total of 2,519 fingerprint submissions from other employees at security guard companies. Ninety-two (92%) of the fingerprint submissions were processed in under 5 minutes, 99% in less than an hour, and over 99.9% in less than one day.

### B. Security Guard Applications:

Security Guard applications are typically processed in less than five business days.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

In 2022, the Department suspended 4 security guard registrations. During the same year, 4 security guard registrations were revoked and 31 were voided following administrative hearing determinations subject to possible re-issuance. The Department resumed audits of security guard companies which were put on hold due to Covid-19. As a result of the audits the Department collected \$773,012.50 in fines against security guard companies. These audits also resulted in the Department imposing \$12,250 in fines against security guards.

## **FEES COLLECTED**

In 2022, the Department and DCJS together collected fees as follows:

- DCJS fingerprint transaction fee - \$3,598,800
- DCJS school and instructor fees - \$178,000; and
- Department application fees - \$3,763,768.94

### **APPROPRIATION**

The SFY2021-2022 Budget appropriated \$ 57,000,000 from the Business and Licensing Services Account to support a number of the Department's functions, including its security guard licensing function. The security guard registration program is one of 36 licensing disciplines regulated by the Department and supported by this appropriation. The Department does not separately account for spending within individual license disciplines.