



**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE  
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June 7, 2021

***RE: Tennessee Detection Services Licensing Program  
Private Investigation Commission and Licensed Companies***

Pursuant to House Bill 0781 and Senate Bill 0770 being enacted into law by Governor Bill Lee on April 30, 2021, there will be several changes regarding the administration of the Private Investigators Licensing and Regulatory Act ("Act"), codified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 26. This newly enacted law can be found in the Tennessee 112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Public Acts, Chapter No. 294, 2021-2022.

First, effective June 30, 2021, the Act will no longer be administered and regulated by the Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission. Instead, the Commissioner for the Department of Commerce and Insurance will have the authority and duty to regulate licensing of private investigators under the Act through the newly established Detection Services Licensing Program.

Additionally, effective July 1, 2021, private investigators will no longer be required to affiliate with a licensed investigations company. Individuals, partnerships, or other entities operating a private investigations company without licensure will still be subject to discipline for operating an investigations company without a license, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-26-204, however, private investigators will not be required to be affiliated with a company in order to engage in the practice of private investigations. Anyone concerned about whether they should maintain a private investigations company license may contact the Department of Commerce and Insurance to discuss any regulatory questions and/or a private attorney to assist with any business planning questions.

These changes will improve the efficiency of the administration of licensure, reduce regulation, and better serve the citizens of the State of Tennessee. Questions regarding applications, complaints, and licensure will still be handled through the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, although they will be handled directly within the Department.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance by phone at 615-741-4827 or by e-mail at [private.investigation.polygraph@tn.gov](mailto:private.investigation.polygraph@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toby Compton".

Toby Compton  
Deputy Commissioner