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Constable Modifications

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

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LONG TITLE

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General Description:

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This bill regulates the practice of a constable.

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Highlighted Provisions:

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This bill:

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▸ defines terms;

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▸ modifies the process by which a city or county may contract with a constable;

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▸ beginning January 1, 2027, requires that an individual contracted by a municipality or county to act as a constable hold a constable license;

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▸ enacts the Constables Licensing Act;

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▸ creates the Constables Licensing Board (board);

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▸ describes the membership, duties, and powers of the board;

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▸ describes the duties of the Division of Professional Licensing in regard to individuals who apply for or receive licensure (licensees);

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▸ ~~{describes the minimum required qualifications to be licensed as a constable, deputy constable, or apprentice constable;}~~

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- 19 ▶ provides an exemption from licensure for certain licensees performing certain services;
- 20 ▶ describes unlawful and unprofessional conduct by a licensee or an unlicensed individual
performing like a licensee;
- 22 ▶ provides a disciplinary process;
- 23 ▶ provides for state preemption of local regulation of constables; and
- 24 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

23 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

24 None

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 AMENDS:

29 **10-7-87** , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

30 **17-78-601** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

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40 **17-78-606** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

42 **58-1-301.5** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 236

43 **76-6-1403** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 111

44 **76-8-301** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 96

45 **78B-2-304** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

46 **78B-6-801** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 264

47 **78B-7-102** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 212, 332

48 **78B-8-302** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291

49 **78B-8-303** , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

50 ENACTS:

51 **58-91-101** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

52 **58-91-102** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

53 **58-91-103** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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54 **58-91-104** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

55 **58-91-201** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

58 ~~**{58-91-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953}**~~

56 **58-91-301** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

57 **58-91-302** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

58 **58-91-303** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

59 **58-91-304** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

60 **58-91-306** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

61 **58-91-401** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

62 **58-91-501** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

63 **58-91-502** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

64 **58-91-503** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

65 **58-91-601** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

66 RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

67 **58-91-305** , (Renumbered from 17-78-607, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
First Special Session, Chapter 14)

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70 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

71 Section 1. Section **10-7-87** is amended to read:

72 **10-7-87. Cities authorized to contract with constables.**

76 (1) A city may~~[-appoint or]~~ contract with a constable to provide services described in Title 17, Chapter
78, Part 6, Constables, the same as if the city were a county.

78 (2) A constable that is ~~[appointed or]~~contracted with a city shall comply with the provisions of Title 17,
Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, in regard to the city the same as if the city were a county.

78 Section 2. Section **17-78-601** is amended to read:

79 **17-78-601. County legislative body to determine whether to contract with constables --**

Contract requirements.

84 ~~[(1)~~

~~(a)~~

~~(i) The legislative body of a county shall determine whether to appoint one or more constables to
serve in the county.]~~

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- 86 ~~[(ii) If a county decides to appoint constables, the county shall nominate and appoint constables in~~
 ~~accordance with this chapter.]~~
- 88 ~~[(b)~~
- ~~(i) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), a constable holding office on July 1, 2019, may complete the~~
 ~~constable's term.]~~
- 90 ~~[(ii) A constable shall serve any subsequent terms the constable may serve in accordance with this part.]~~
- 92 ~~(1) Beginning January 1, 2027, a county may not contract with a constable who is not licensed under~~
 ~~Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act.~~
- 94 ~~(2) To ~~[nominate]~~ select a constable for a county contract, the legislative body of a county of the first or~~
 ~~second class shall establish a nominating commission.~~
- 96 ~~(a) The county nominating commission shall consist of:~~
- 97 ~~(i) one member of the county legislative governing body or the member's designee;~~
- 98 ~~(ii) one judge or the judge's designee;~~
- 99 ~~(iii) the county attorney or the county attorney's designee;~~
- 100 ~~(iv) the district attorney or the district attorney's designee;~~
- 101 ~~(v) the sheriff of the county or the sheriff's designee; and~~
- 102 ~~(vi) one private citizen.~~
- 103 ~~(b) The nominating commission described in this Subsection (2) shall review each applicant's~~
 ~~credentials and, by majority vote, recommend to the legislative governing body of the county the~~
 ~~nominees the nominating commission finds most qualified.~~
- 106 ~~(c) The county legislative body shall either ~~[appoint]~~ select or reject any nominee that the nominating~~
 ~~commission recommends under Subsection (2)(b).~~
- 108 ~~(3) The legislative body of a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class may ~~[appoint]~~ select a~~
 ~~constable on a recommendation from:~~
- 110 ~~(a) the county sheriff and the county attorney; or~~
- 111 ~~(b) the chief of police.~~
- 112 ~~(4) A county legislative body that ~~[appoints]~~ selects a constable under this section ~~[may]~~ shall issue to~~
 ~~the constable a contract including, at minimum, the following provisions:~~
- 114 ~~(a) the scope of the services the county seeks from the constable, including any deputy constables the~~
 ~~constable hires in accordance with Section 17-78-602;~~
- 116 ~~(b) the circumstances in which the county shall indemnify the constable and deputy constables, if any;~~

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- 118 (c) the circumstances in which the constable shall indemnify the county, if any;
- 119 (d) [withdraw the authority of the constable for cause, including if] that the county may cancel the
contract for cause at any time and shall cancel the contract if:
- 121 (i) the constable's peace officer certification is suspended or revoked under Section 53-6-211[-] ; or
- 123 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, the constable's license is suspended or revoked by the Division of
Professional Licensing in accordance with the provisions of Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables
Licensing Act;
- 126 (e) the minimum levels of insurance coverage the county requires the constable to carry;
- 127 (f) whether the county requires the constable to provide a bond, and if so, at what level;
- 128 (g) the remuneration owed to the constable under the contract for services rendered to the county, if
different than the fees described in this part or not otherwise set in county ordinance; and
- 131 (h) a maximum term of four years.
- 132 [~~(5) In addition to the appointment process described in Subsections (1) through (4), the legislative~~
~~body of a county where a justice court exists may contract with a constable to provide services in~~
~~criminal cases for the contracting governmental entity by a method and for an amount mutually~~
~~agreed upon.]~~
- 136 [~~(6)~~
- ~~(a) A contract between a county legislative body and a constable, including a contract described in~~
~~Subsection (5), may not exceed four years.]~~
- 138 [~~(b) A contract described in Subsection (6)(a) may be renewed or extended for a period not to exceed~~
~~four years.]~~
- 140 (5) A contract described in Subsection (4) may be renewed or extended by written amendment for up to
four years per written amendment.
- 142 (6) If a county and an appointed constable fail to negotiate and execute a contract in accordance with
this section, the constable may not fulfill the duties described in this part for the county.
- 145 (7) If a county terminates a contract described in Subsection (4), the county shall notify the Division of
Professional Licensing.
- 147 (8) Contracting for constable services does not constitute a procurement and a county that issues
a contract to a constable as described in this part is not required to comply with procurement
processes described in Section 17-63-506 in regard to that contract.
- 147 Section 3. Section **17-78-602** is amended to read:

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148 **17-78-602. Contracted constable authority and duties -- Constables to serve process in**
149 **certain circumstances.**

153 ~~[(1) To qualify as a constable, an individual shall be certified as a special function peace officer in the~~
154 ~~state.]~~

155 ~~[(2)]~~ (1)

(a) A constable who has a contract with a county as described in Section 17-78-601:

157 (i) shall:

158 ~~[(a)]~~ (A) avoid all conflicts of interest; and

159 ~~[(b)]~~ (B) maintain a public office and be accessible to the public and to the court during the hours the
160 court is open[-] ; and

161 (ii) may hire one or more constables to serve as the constable's deputies.

162 (b) Beginning July 1, 2027, a deputy constable shall be licensed under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables
163 Licensing Act.

164 (c) A deputy constable acting at the direction and general control of the constable who holds a contract
165 with a county, as described in Section 17-78-601, may fulfill any duty of a constable described
166 in this part unless the action is limited in or specifically prohibited by the contract between the
167 constable and the county.

168 (d) A constable may contract to provide constable services with more than one county, so long as:

169 (i) the constable informs each county, in writing; and

170 (ii) the constable is able to fulfill all the duties for each county that are described:

171 (A) in this part; and

172 (B) in any contract between the constable and a county.

173 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) In cases where ~~[it appears in any court of record that]~~the sheriff is a party, or where an
174 affidavit is filed with the clerk of the court stating partiality, prejudice, consanguinity, or interest on
175 the part of the sheriff[-] ;

176 ~~(a) the clerk of the court shall direct process to any licensed constable[-of the county, whose duty it~~
177 ~~shall be to] ; and~~

178 (b) the constable chosen by the clerk under Subsection (2)(a) shall execute [it] process in the same
179 manner as if the constable were sheriff.

180 Section 4. Section **17-78-603** is amended to read:

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17-78-603. Activity outside a jurisdiction -- Constables to provide service to justice courts in certain circumstances -- Agent of governmental entity in certain circumstances.

- 185 [(1)
- (a) Constables appointed by a county are appointed for terms of six years and may serve more than one term if reappointed by the appointing body.]
- 187 [(b) Notwithstanding the law in place at the time a constable was appointed, the term of a constable appointed on or after July 1, 2018, expires six years after the day on which the term began.]
- 190 [(2)] (1)
- (a) [~~Appointed constables~~] A constable who is serving process outside the county [in which they are appointed] with which the constable holds a contract, as described in Section 17-78-601, shall contact the sheriff's office or police department of the jurisdiction before { [serving executions or]} seizing any property in the jurisdiction.
- 194 (b) [~~An appointed constable or a deputy of an appointed { } A } constable shall notify the agency of jurisdiction by contacting the sheriff's office or police department of jurisdiction before serving a warrant of arrest~~] A constable shall notify the sheriff's office or police department of a jurisdiction before executing a warrant in the jurisdiction.
- 197 {(c) ~~A constable that is serving process may establish a payment schedule with the individual being served in lieu of seizing the individual's property, subject to approval from the underlying creditor, if any.~~}
- 200 [(3) The appointed constable may, upon approval of the appointing county, employ and deputize persons who are certified as special function peace officers to function as deputy constables.]
- 203 [(4) If the county legislative body withdraws the authority of an appointed constable, the authority of all deputy constables employed or deputized by the appointed constable is also withdrawn.]
- 206 [(5) If the authority of a constable or deputy constable is withdrawn under Subsection (4), the county shall notify the Peace Officer Standards and Training Division of the Department of Public Safety in accordance with Section 53-6-209.]
- 209 [(6) A constable, contracted or appointed, shall:]
- 210 [(a) attend the justice courts within the constable's county when required by contract or court order; and]
- 212 [(b) execute, serve, and return all process directed or delivered to the constable by a judge of the justice court serving the county, or by any competent authority within the limits of this section.]

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- 215 [~~(7) A constable, contracted or appointed, may:~~]
216 [~~(a) serve any process throughout the state; and~~]
217 [~~(b) carry out all other functions associated with a constable.~~]
218 [(8) A constable shall serve exclusively as an agent for:]
219 [(a) the government entity that has a contract with the constable;]
220 [(b) the county that appointed the constable; or]
221 [(c) the court authorizing or directing the constable.]
222 (2) A county may require a contracted constable to:
223 (a) attend the justice courts within the county; and
224 (b) execute, serve, and return all process directed or delivered to the constable by a judge of the justice
court serving the county, or by any competent authority within the limits of this section.
227 (3) When acting under Subsection (1) or (2), or Section 17-78-605, the constable shall serve exclusively
as an agent for:
229 (a) the county that authorizes and directs the constable's action; or
230 (b) the court authorizing or directing the constable's action.
231 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (3):
232 (a) a county that contracts with a constable under this part may authorize residents of and businesses
in the county to request the constable's services in civil matters, subject to fees described in Section
17-78-604; and
235 (b) a constable may take any action in a civil matter:
236 (i) that the constable is licensed to perform;
237 (ii) for a private client;
238 (iii) that is not prohibited by a contract described in Section 17-78-601;
239 (iv) does not constitute a conflict of interest; and
240 (v) does not interfere with the constable's duty to be accessible to the court and the public as described
in Section 17-78-602.
242 [(9) Except as otherwise provided in this part, a constable may not serve as an agent, or be considered to
be serving as an agent, for a person that is not described in Subsection (8).]
240 Section 5. Section **17-78-604** is amended to read:
241 **17-78-604. Constables in civil actions -- Fees for constables.**
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(1) [~~Constables~~] A constable who holds a county contract described in Section 17-78-601 may, for the constable's own use, collect as compensation in civil matters the same fees as those specified for sheriffs in Section 17-72-304.

249 (2) Constable fees that exceed the amounts in Section 17-72-304 are recoverable:

250 (a) by the constable only if the constable [~~has received~~] receives prior approval for the increased fee from the party requesting the service; and

252 (b) by a prevailing party as a cost of the action, [~~only~~] if the court finds the service and increased fee are justifiable.

254 (3)

(a) A county may, by resolution or ordinance, establish fees for constable services in addition to or in excess of the fees described in Section 17-72-304.

256 (b) A county may:

257 (i) charge and collect a fee for constable services in a civil matter directly from the county resident who requests the services and remit the fee to the constable; or

259 (ii) authorize the constable to directly charge and collect a fee for constable services in a civil matter, in accordance with this section and any fees established by the county under Subsection (3)(a).

262 (4) Nothing in this section prohibits a constable from charging a private client a fee in a civil matter in which the county is not involved according to mutually agreed upon terms between the constable and the private client, unless the fee is prohibited by another provision of law.

262 Section 6. Section **17-78-605** is amended to read:

263 **17-78-605. Constables in criminal actions -- Fees for constables.**

268 (1)

(a) A constable may only take action in a criminal matter:

269 (i) at the direction of a county with which the constable holds a contract;

270 (ii) according to the terms of the contract between the constable and the county; and

271 (iii) after January 1, 2027, if the constable is licensed.

272 (b) For purposes of Subsection (1)(a)(i), taking action at the direction of a county includes acting at the direction or request of:

274 (i) the county attorney for the county;

275 (ii) the district attorney for the county;

276 (iii) the county sheriff;

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- 277 (iv) a justice court judge in the county; or
- 278 (v) an individual designated in the contract between the county and the constable as an individual able to direct or request the constable's action in a criminal matter.
- 280 (2)
- (a) Except as provided in [~~Subsections (3) and (6), a~~] Subsections (4) and (7), a county shall pay a contracted constable [shall be paid] in criminal matters for each copy of a summons, subpoena, notice, court order, or other criminal paper as follows:
- 283 (i) \$5 for each defendant served; and
- 284 (ii)
- (A) mileage of \$1 per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going only, to be computed from { either { } ; }
- 286 {(A)} the courthouse{t,{}} ; } or
- 287 {(B)} when transmitted by mail, from the post office where received[.]; or
- 283 (B) mileage for each mile necessarily traveled, at a rate and in a manner to be computed as described in the contract between the constable and the county.
- 288 (b) If more than one trip is necessary to serve, or diligently attempt to serve, service of process, a constable may collect mileage charges for more than two trips only if the party requesting the service of process has approved the additional mileage charges.
- 291 (c) A constable shall individually document each charge under this Subsection [~~(1)~~] (2) on the affidavit of return of service.
- 293 [~~(2)~~] (3) If a constable serves process in a county other than the county where the process originated, travel expenses may not exceed the fee that would be charged if served by the sheriff of that county under Chapter 72, County Sheriff.
- 296 [~~(3)~~] (4)
- (a) [~~A~~] A contracted constable acting under this chapter may charge a county a fee of \$1 for each mile traveled for the purpose of serving, or to diligently attempt service of, a warrant of arrest, both in going to and returning from the defendant's address.
- 300 (b) If more than one trip is necessary to serve, or diligently attempt to serve, a warrant of arrest, a constable may collect no more than two additional mileage charges.
- 302 (c) A constable shall individually document each charge under this Subsection [~~(3)~~] (4) on the affidavit of return of service.

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- 304 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) For arresting ~~[a prisoner]~~ an individual and bringing the ~~[prisoner]~~ individual into court, or
otherwise satisfying a warrant, a constable may charge the county a fee of \$15.
- 306 ~~[(5)]~~ (6)
- [~~(a)~~ Accounts against the county filed by constables for services in criminal cases shall be:]
- 308 [(i) certified as correct by the county attorney or district attorney; and]
- 309 [(ii) presented to the auditor.]
- 310 (a) Constables shall bill the county for services in criminal cases according to the terms of the
constable's contract and this section.
- 312 (b) Upon receipt of a bill from a constable, the county attorney or district attorney shall:
- 313 (i) certify the bill if the bill is correct; and
- 314 (ii) provide the certified bill to the county auditor or finance officer.
- 315 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) The county legislative body may reject constable bills in all causes or proceedings in which
the county attorney or district attorney has not authorized the issuance of the warrant of arrest in
writing.
- 318 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) A county may, ~~[by contract with a constable, establish lower]~~ in the contract described in
Section 17-78-601, establish different fees for services than the fees described in this section.
- 318 Section 7. Section **17-78-606** is amended to read:
- 319 **17-78-606. Fees for constable service of process -- Exception.**
- 323 ~~[(1)]~~ The rates recoverable through court action for service of process by a constable are governed by
Section ~~17-72-304, 17-78-601, or 17-78-605, when applicable.]~~
- 325 ~~[(2)]~~ (1) The legislative body of a county that contracts with a constable may set a fee by ordinance, in
accordance with Section 17-64-501, for a service provided by the constable the same as the county
legislative body sets fees for a county sheriff as described in Section 17-72-304.
- 329 (2) Constable fees that exceed the amounts in Section 17-72-304 are recoverable in court:
- 330 (a) by the constable only if the constable has received prior approval for the increased fee from the
party requesting the service; and
- 332 (b) by a prevailing party as a cost of the action only if the court finds the service and increased fee are
justifiable.
- 331 Section 8. Section **58-1-301.5** is amended to read:
- 332 **58-1-301.5. Division access to Bureau of Criminal Identification records. -- Criminal
background check requirement.**

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- 337 (1) As used in this section, "applicant" means an individual applying for licensure or certification,
or with respect to a license or certification, applying for renewal, reinstatement, or relicensure or
recertification, as required in:
- 340 (a) Section 58-5a-302;
- 341 (b) Section 58-16a-302;
- 342 (c) Section 58-17b-303;
- 343 (d) Section 58-17b-304;
- 344 (e) Section 58-17b-305;
- 345 (f) Section 58-17b-306;
- 346 (g) Section 58-24b-302;
- 347 (h) Section 58-31b-302;
- 348 (i) Section 58-42a-302;
- 349 (j) Section 58-44a-302;
- 350 (k) Section 58-47b-302;
- 351 (l) Section 58-55-302;
- 352 (m) Section 58-47b-302.2;
- 353 (n) Section 58-60-205;
- 354 (o) Section 58-60-305;
- 355 (p) Section 58-60-405;
- 356 (q) Section 58-60-506;
- 357 (r) Section 58-61-304;
- 358 (s) Section 58-63-302;
- 359 (t) Section 58-64-302;
- 360 (u) Section 58-67-302;
- 361 (v) Section 58-68-302;
- 362 (w) Section 58-69-302;
- 363 (x) Section 58-70a-302;
- 364 (y) Section 58-70b-302;
- 365 (z) Section 58-71-302;[-~~or~~]
- 366 (aa) Section 58-73-302[-] ;or
- 367 (bb) Section 58-91-103.

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- 368 (2) The division shall have direct access to local files maintained by the Bureau of Criminal
Identification under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2, Bureau of Criminal Identification, for background
screening of an applicant.
- 371 (3) The division's access to criminal background information under this section:
372 (a) shall meet the requirements of Section 53-10-108; and
373 (b) includes:
374 (i) convictions, pleas of nolo contendere, pleas of guilty or nolo contendere held in abeyance, dismissed
charges, and charges without a known disposition; and
376 (ii) criminal background information maintained under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2, Bureau of Criminal
Identification.
- 378 (4) The division may not disseminate outside of the division any criminal history record information
that the division obtains from the Bureau of Criminal Identification or the Federal Bureau of
Investigation under the criminal background check requirements of this section.
- 382 (5) To fulfill an applicable criminal background check requirement, an applicant shall:
383 (a) submit fingerprints in a form acceptable to the division at the time the applicant files a license
application or a registration; and
385 (b) consent to a fingerprint background check conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and
the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the application.
- 387 (6)
389 (a) Upon receiving fingerprints from an applicant in accordance with Subsection (5), the division shall:
390 (i) collect from each applicant submitting fingerprints in accordance with this section:
(A) the fee that the Bureau of Criminal Identification is authorized to collect for the services provided
under Section 53-10-108; and
392 (B) the fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for fingerprint processing for the purpose of
obtaining federal criminal history record information;
395 (ii) submit from each applicant the fingerprints and the fees described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) to the
Bureau of Criminal Identification; and
397 (iii) obtain and retain in division records a signed waiver approved by the Bureau of Criminal
Identification in accordance with Section 53-10-108 for each applicant.
- 399 (b) The fees described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) are in addition to other fees authorized by this chapter.
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- (7) In accordance with the requirements of Section 53-10-108, the Bureau of Criminal Identification shall:
- 403 (a) check the fingerprints submitted under Subsection (5)(a) against the applicable state and regional
criminal records databases;
- 405 (b) forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history
background check; and
- 407 (c) provide the results from the state, regional, and nationwide criminal history background checks to
the division.
- 409 (8)
- (a)
- (i) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, if the criminal
background check required under this section demonstrates, after the applicant is licensed or
registered, that the applicant failed to accurately disclose a criminal history, the division may
provide notice to the applicant that the license or registration is immediately and automatically
revoked.
- 414 (ii) If a massage establishment owner has a criminal conviction or pending criminal charges for
any crime under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, or any crime listed by rule made
by the division in collaboration with the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division shall deny an application for registration of a
massage establishment.
- 419 (b)
- (i) An individual whose license has been revoked in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) is entitled to a
hearing to challenge the revocation.
- 421 (ii) A registered massage establishment for which the registration has been revoked in accordance with
Subsection (8)(a) is entitled to a hearing to challenge the revocation.
- 424 (c) The division shall conduct the hearing described in this Subsection (8) in accordance with Title 63G,
Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- 423 Section 9. Section 9 is enacted to read:
- 426 **58-91-101. Definitions.**
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In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:

- 431 (1) "Adequate records" means records containing, at a minimum, sufficient information to identify the
client, the dates of service, the fee for service, the payments for service, the type of service given,
and copies of any reports that may have been made.
- 434 (2) "Advertising" means the submission of bids, contracting or making known by any public notice,
publication, or solicitation of business, directly or indirectly, that services regulated under this
chapter are available for consideration.
- 437 (3) "Applicant" means a person who has submitted to the division a completed application and all
required application and processing fees.
- 439 (4) "Apprentice constable" means an individual who:
- 440 (a) is licensed as an apprentice constable under this chapter; and
- 441 (b) performs one or more of the duties described in Section 58-91-301 under the supervision of a
constable.
- 443 (5) "Board" means the Constables Licensing Board established in Section 58-91-201.
- 444 (6) "Client" means a private individual or private entity that requests civil services from a licensed
constable for pay.
- 446 {~~(7) {"Constable" means an individual who:}~~}
- 447 {~~(a) {is licensed as a constable under this chapter; and}~~}
- 448 (b){~~(7)}~~ "Constable" means an individual who is licensed as a constable under this chapter and who
performs one or more of the duties described in Section 58-91-301.
- 449 (8) "Contracting governmental entity" means:
- 450 (a) a county that contracts with a constable as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables; or
- 452 (b) a city that contracts with a constable as described in Section 10-7-87.
- 453 (9) "Conviction" means an adjudication of guilt by a federal, state, or local court resulting from a trial
or plea, including a plea of no contest or nolo contendere, regardless of whether the imposition of
sentence was suspended.
- 456 (10) "Deputy constable" means an individual who:
- 457 (a) is licensed as a deputy constable under this chapter; and
- 458 (b) performs one or more of the duties described in Section 58-91-301 at the direction of a constable.
- 460 (11) "Emergency action" means a summary suspension of a license issued under this chapter pending
revocation, suspension, or probation, in order to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

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- 463 (12) "Identification card" means a personal pocket- or wallet-size card issued by the division to a
464 licensee.
- 465 (13) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-1-102.
- 466 (14) "Licensee" means a person to whom a license is issued under this chapter.
- 467 (15) "Occupied structure" means any edifice, including residential and public buildings, vehicles, or any
468 other structure that could reasonably be expected to house or shelter persons.
- 470 (16) "Peace officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-1-102.
- 471 (17) "Prisoner" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-72-101.
- 472 (18) "Special function officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-13-105.
- 473 (19) "Supervision" means the employing licensee is responsible for and authorizes the type and extent
474 of work assigned to an employee or independent contractor.
- 475 (20) "Unlawful conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-91-801.
- 477 (21) "Unprofessional conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501 and
478 58-91-802, and as may be further defined by the board by rule.
- 475 Section 10. Section **10** is enacted to read:
- 476 **58-91-102. Division administration -- Rulemaking.**
- 481 (1) The division shall keep records of:
- 482 (a) all applications for licenses under this chapter; and
- 483 (b) proof of workers' compensation required to be filed.
- 484 (2) If a license is revoked, suspended, or canceled, or a license is denied or placed on probation, the
485 division shall ensure the date of filing the order for revocation, suspension, cancellation, denial, or
486 probation is included in a record described in Subsection (1).
- 488 (3) The division shall maintain:
- 489 (a) a list of all individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, or corporations that have had a license
490 revoked, suspended, placed on probation, or canceled; and
- 491 (b) a written record of complaints filed against licensees.
- 492 (4)
- 493 (a) The division may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
494 Rulemaking Act, as necessary to administer this chapter.

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(b) Rules described in Subsection (4)(a) shall include a requirement that all providers offering instruction or continuing instruction required for licensure under this chapter shall offer the courses to all applicants at the same course fees, in order to be qualified by the board.

498 (5) All records described in this section are open to the public under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, except licensees' residential addresses and telephone numbers.

497 Section 11. Section 11 is enacted to read:

498 **58-91-103. License classifications -- Background checks -- Prohibited acts -- Division to issue licenses.**

504 (1) Licenses under this chapter are issued in the classifications of:

505 (a) constable;

506 (b) deputy constable; and

507 (c) apprentice constable.

508 (2) An applicant for a license described in this chapter shall:

509 (a) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section 58-1-301.5;

511 (b) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in Subsection (2)(a) that the division establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

514 (c) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division approves.

515 (3)

(a) The division shall set initial licensing fees, renewal fees, and delinquency fees:

516 (i) by license classification, as described in {~~Subsection (1)~~} [Section 58-91-103](#);

517 (ii) in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and

518 (iii) in accordance with this section.

519 (b) The division shall collect fingerprinting fees in accordance with Section 58-1-301.5.

520 (4) A person may not:

521 (a) act or assume to act as, or claim to be, a licensee unless the person is licensed under this chapter; or

523 (b) falsely represent that the person is employed by a licensee.

524 (5) The division shall, under the direction of the board, issue licenses to applicants who qualify for a license under this chapter.

526 (6) A license issued under this chapter is not transferable or assignable.

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523 Section 12. Section 12 is enacted to read:

524 **58-91-104. Use of money for education, training, and enforcement.**

The director may, with the concurrence of the board, use fines collected under Section 58-91-803 for the following purposes:

531 (1) educating and training licensees under this chapter;

532 (2) educating and training the general public in matters concerning the laws that govern practices licensed under this chapter; and

534 (3) enforcing this chapter by:

535 (a) investigating unprofessional or unlawful conduct; and

536 (b) providing legal representation to the division when the division takes legal action against an individual charged with unprofessional or unlawful conduct.

534 Section 13. Section 13 is enacted to read:

536 **58-91-201. Board -- Duties.**

2. Board

541 (1) There is created the Constables Licensing Board.

542 (2) The membership of the board consists of:

543 (a) one individual representing a county that:

544 (i) appointed or contracted with an unlicensed constable service before January 1, 2027; or

546 (ii) on or after January 1, 2027, is contracted with a licensed constable as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables;

548 (b)

(i) before January 1, 2027, an individual who has at least five years' experience acting as a constable in the state; or

550 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, an individual who is licensed as a constable under ~~{Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act}~~ this chapter;

552 (c) ~~{a}~~ an individual serving as the sheriff or chief of police ~~{;}~~ for a jurisdiction that has:

549 (i) appointed or contracted with an unlicensed constable service before January 1, 2027; or

551 (ii) on or after January 1, 2027, is contracted with a licensed constable as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables;

553 (d) one individual:

554 (i) representing the legal community; and

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- 555 (ii) with experience utilizing constable services as a client; and
556 (e) a member of the public who:
557 (i) does not have a financial interest in a constable business; and
558 (ii) does not have an immediate family member or a household member, or a personal or professional acquaintance, who is licensed {or registered} under this chapter.
- 560 (3) The sheriff or chief of police described in Subsection (2)(c) may not serve in the same county as the board member described in Subsection (2)(a).
- 560 (3){(4)}
(a)
(i) The executive director shall appoint board members in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
562 (ii) In making the appointment of the board member described in {Subsection} Subsections (2) (a)and (c), the executive director shall consider nominees put forth by the Utah Association of Counties.
- 565 (b) A board member shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state at the time of appointment.
- 567 (c) A board member serves in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
- 568 (4){(5)}
(a) The board shall carry out the board's duties and responsibilities in accordance with Sections 58-1-202 and 58-1-203.
570 (b) The board shall designate one board member , on a rotating or ongoing basis, to:
571 (i) assist the division in reviewing a complaint regarding the unlawful or unprofessional conduct of an individual licensed under this chapter; and
573 (ii) advise the division in the division's investigation of a complaint described in Subsection (4)(b)(i).
575 (5){(6)} A board member who, under Subsection (4), has reviewed a complaint or advised in a complaint's investigation is disqualified from participating with the board when the board serves as a presiding officer in an adjudicative proceeding concerning the complaint.
- 579 Section 14. Section 14 is enacted to read:
580 **58-91-202. Powers and duties of the board.**
581 (1) The board shall:
582 (a)

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- (i) review all applications for licensing and renewals of licenses submitted by the division under this chapter; and
- 584 (ii) approve or disapprove applications;
- 585 (b) review all complaints and take disciplinary action; and
- 586 (c) establish standards for and approve providers of courses required for licensure.
- 587 (2) The board may take and hear evidence, administer oaths and affirmations, and compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records, documents, and other information relating to:
- 590 (a) investigation of an applicant for licensure under this chapter; or
- 591 (b) a formal complaint against, or division investigation of, a constable.

581 Section 14. Section 14 is enacted to read:

583 **58-91-301. Scope of practice of a constable -- License required on or after January 1, 2027.**

3. Licensing Constables

596 {~~(1)~~ }

(a){~~(1)~~} A constable may:

597 (i){~~(a)~~} serve legal documents throughout the state;

598 (ii){~~(b)~~} serve any civil process throughout the state, including orders of restitution and writs of execution;

599 (iii){~~(c)~~} when acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity, arrest an individual pursuant to an arrest warrant in any location in the state;

601 (iv){~~(d)~~} when acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity, transport a prisoner within the state;and

603 (v){~~(e)~~} when acting under the direction of a justice court, take an action described in Subsection 17-78-603(2){~~;~~};

605 {~~(vi) {hire and direct the actions of a deputy constable; and}~~}

606 {~~(vii) {hire and supervise an apprentice constable.}~~}

607 {~~(b) {A deputy constable may take any action described in Subsections (1)(a) through (v) when acting at the direction of a licensed constable.}~~}

609 {~~(e) {An apprentice constable may take any action described in Subsections (1)(a) through (v) when acting under the supervision of a licensed constable.}~~}

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(2) A constable who is acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity shall provide the division with a copy of the constable's contract with the contracting governmental entity.

598 (3) A constable:

599 (a) may take any action within the constable's scope of practice; and

600 (b) when acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity, shall take action in accordance with the contracting governmental entity's direction and pursuant to the contract between the constable and the contracting governmental entity.

614 (3){~~(4)~~} Upon termination of a contract between a constable and a contracting governmental entity, the constable shall notify the division no later than five business days after the day on which the termination takes effect.

617 (4){~~(5)~~} Beginning January 1, 2027, a license is required to engage in the practice of a constable, whether the constable engages a client, a contracting governmental entity, or both, except as provided in Sections 58-1-307 and 58-91-304.

610 Section 15. Section **15** is enacted to read:

611 **58-91-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

621 (1) Each applicant for licensure as a constable shall:

622 (a) be 21 years old or older;

623 (b) be trained and certified as a special function officer in the state, as described in Section 53-13-105;

625 ~~{(c) {if the applicant is applying for a constable license, produce evidence that the individual has at least:}}~~

627 ~~{(i) {five years of experience serving as an appointed or contracted constable with a county or municipality before January 1, 2027;}}~~

629 ~~{(ii) {five years of combined experience as a constable described in Subsection (1)(c)(i), a deputy constable, or a law enforcement officer if at least one year of the experience was as a constable or deputy constable; or}}~~

632 ~~{(iii) {2,000 hours of experience as a deputy constable licensed under this chapter;}}~~

633 ~~{(d) {if the applicant is applying for a deputy constable license, produce evidence that the individual has at least:}}~~

635 ~~{(i) {two years of experience serving as a deputy constable before January 1, 2027;}}~~

636 ~~{(ii) {two years of combined experience as a deputy constable described in Subsection (1)(d)(i) or law enforcement officer if at least 500 hours of the experience was as a deputy constable; or}}~~

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- 639 {~~(iii) {1,000 hours of experience as an apprentice constable licensed under this chapter;}~~}
- 616 (c) provide the applicant's name, address, date of birth, social security number, and fingerprints to the division;
- 618 (d) disclose the applicant's criminal history, if any, on a form the division approves;
- 619 (e) consent to and complete a criminal background check described in Section 58-1-301.5
- 640 (e){~~(f)~~} submit an application in a form the division approves;
- 641 (f){~~(g)~~} pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 642 (g){~~(h)~~} provide evidence that the {~~constable~~} applicant carries or will carry the minimum required insurance; and
- 643 (h){~~(i)~~} meet with the division and board, if requested by the division or the board.
- 626 (2) The division may not issue a license to an applicant who:
- 627 (a) has a conviction for an act which, when considered with the functions and duties imposed by Title 58, Occupations and Professions:
- 629 (i) bears a substantial relationship to the applicant's ability to safely or competently perform the duties described in this chapter; or
- 631 (ii) indicates that the best interests of the public are not served by granting the applicant a license;
- 633 (b) is on probation, parole, community supervision, or named in an outstanding arrest warrant; or
- 635 (c) has previously violated Section 58-91-501, as evidenced by an uncontested citation, a stipulated settlement, or a finding of a violation in an adjudicative proceeding.
- 644 (2){~~(3)~~} The division and board shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the type of insurance coverage and minimum coverage amounts required for:
- 647 (a) a licensed constable who provides criminal services for a contracting governmental entity, civil services for a contracting governmental entity, and civil services for a client;
- 650 (b) a licensed constable who provides only civil services for a contracting governmental entity or a client;
- 652 (c) a licensed constable who provides only civil services for a client;
- 653 (d) a licensed deputy constable; and
- 654 (e) {~~an~~} a licensed apprentice constable.
- 648 Section 16. Section 16 is enacted to read:
- 649 **58-91-303. Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.**

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- 657 (1)
- (a) The division shall issue each license under this chapter in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by rule.
- 659 (b) The division may by rule extend or shorten a renewal period by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycles the division administers.
- 661 (2) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless the licensee renews the license in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

656 Section 17. Section **17** is enacted to read:

657 **58-91-304. Exemptions from licensure.**

- 665 (1) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, an individual may engage in acts regulated under this chapter without being licensed under this chapter if the individual is:
- 668 (a) a peace officer employed by a constable as provided in Subsection (2);
- 669 (b) licensed by the division under another chapter of this title to engage in the act; or
- 670 (c) a peace officer acting in the scope of the peace officer's employment.
- 671 (2) A peace officer may only engage in off-duty employment with a constable if:
- 672 (a) the law enforcement agency employing the peace officer has a written policy regarding peace officer employees working while off duty as a constable and the written policy addresses the issue of financial responsibility;
- 675 (b) the law enforcement agency's chief administrative officer, or that officer's designee, provides written authorization for an off-duty peace officer to work as a constable; and
- 678 (c) the client, contracting governmental entity, or licensed constable employing the peace officer to work as a constable complies with state and federal income reporting and withholding requirements regarding the off-duty peace officer's wages.

674 Section 18. Section **58-91-305** is renumbered and amended to read:

676 **[17-78-607] 58-91-305. Identification of constables -- Uniform requirements.**

- 684 (1) An individual licensed as a constable shall:
- 685 (a) carry a copy of the individual's license on the individual's person at all times while acting as a constable; and
- 687 (b) display the license upon the request of a peace officer, a representative of the division, or a member of the public.

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(2) While performing a duty [~~described in Section 17-78-603~~] within the scope of practice of a constable, as described in Section 58-91-301, a constable shall prominently display a [~~badge or other~~] visible form of credentials and identification identifying:

692 (a) the individual as a constable;

693 (b) the individual's name; and

694 (c) the governmental contracting entity for which the constable is acting, if applicable.

695 [~~(e) the county for which the constable is appointed or contracted.~~]

696 [(2)] (3) If a constable serves process, the constable shall:

697 (a) verbally communicate to the person being served that the constable is a constable; and

699 (b) print on the first page of each document served:

700 (i) the constable's name and identification as a constable;

701 (ii) the county for which the constable is appointed; and

702 (iii) a business phone number for the constable.

703 [(3)] (4) If a constable wears a uniform, the uniform shall be clearly marked with the word "constable" on the uniform shirt and, if applicable, the jacket.

698 Section 19. Section **19** is enacted to read:

699 **58-91-306. Operating standards for constables -- Rulemaking.**

707 (1) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-91-305, the division in collaboration with the board may establish by rule additional operating standards that shall apply to the conduct of licensees under this chapter, including rules relating to use of uniforms, badges, insignia, designations, and representations used by or associated with a licensee's practice under this chapter.

712 (2) In making rules described in Subsection (1), the division and board shall comply with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

707 Section 20. Section **20** is enacted to read:

709 **58-91-401. General grounds for denial of license -- Disciplinary proceedings.**

4. License Denial and Discipline

The division and board may, in accordance with Section 58-1-401, take any of the following actions:

719 (1) refuse to issue a license to an applicant;

720 (2) refuse to renew the license of a licensee;

721 (3) revoke, suspend, restrict, or place on probation the license of a licensee;

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722 (4) issue a public or private reprimand to a licensee; and

723 (5) issue a cease and desist order to a licensee.

717 Section 21. Section **21** is enacted to read:

719 **58-91-501. Unlawful conduct.**

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"Unlawful conduct" includes:

728 (1) a licensee employing the services of an unlicensed individual to perform the duties of a licensee,
except as provided in Section 58-91-304;

730 (2) filing with the division fingerprint cards for an applicant that are not those of the applicant, or are in
any other way false or fraudulent and intended to mislead the division in the division's consideration
of the qualifications of the applicant for licensure;

733 (3) practicing or engaging in, or attempting to practice or engage in, activity for which a license is
required under this chapter, unless the individual:

735 (a) holds a license; or

736 (b) is exempted from licensure as provided in Section 58-91-304;

737 (4) knowingly employing another person to engage in or practice or attempt to engage in or practice an
occupation or profession licensed under this chapter, if the employee:

739 (a) is not licensed to do so under this chapter; or

740 (b) is not exempt from licensure; and

741 (5) charging a client a fee that the constable is prohibited from charging under Section 78B-7-105 or
78B-7-207.

736 Section 22. Section **22** is enacted to read:

737 **58-91-502. Unprofessional conduct.**

745 (1) "Unprofessional conduct" includes:

746 (a) engaging or offering to engage by fraud or misrepresentation in any activities regulated by this
chapter;

748 (b) aiding or abetting a person who is not licensed pursuant to this chapter in representing that person is
a constable in this state;

750 (c) gross negligence in the practice of a licensee;

751 (d) committing a felony or a misdemeanor involving any crime that is grounds for denial, suspension, or
revocation of a license;

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- 753 (e) making a fraudulent or untrue statement to the board or division;
754 (f) failing to carry or display a copy of the constable's license or failing to comply with the
identification requirements described in Section 58-91-305;
756 (g) employing an individual whom the licensed constable knows or should know has engaged in
conduct that is inconsistent with the duties and responsibilities of a licensee under this chapter; and
759 (h) failing to comply with operating standards established under Section 58-91-306.
760 (2) The division and board may take a licensee's conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction or
entrance of a plea of no contest as conclusive evidence that the licensee committed a felony or
misdemeanor described in Subsection (1)(d).
- 756 Section 23. Section **23** is enacted to read:
757 **58-91-503. Penalties.**
- 765 (1) Unless Subsection (2) applies, an individual who commits an act of unlawful conduct under Section
58-91-501 or who fails to comply with a citation issued under this section after the citation becomes
final is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
768 (2) The division may immediately suspend a license issued under this chapter from an individual who is
given a citation for violating Section 58-91-501.
770 (3)
(a) If upon inspection or investigation, the division determines that a person has violated Section
58-91-501 or any rule made or order issued under those subsections, and that disciplinary action
is warranted, the director or the director's designee shall promptly issue a written citation to the
individual and:
774 (i) attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement; or
775 (ii) notify the individual to appear for an adjudicative proceeding conducted under Title 63G,
Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
777 (b) In regard to an individual who violates Section 58-91-501, as evidenced by an uncontested
citation, a stipulated settlement, or a finding of a violation in an adjudicative proceeding held under
Subsection (3)(a)(ii), the division may:
780 (i) fine the individual, as described in Subsection (4);
781 (ii) order the individual to cease and desist from the violation; or
782 (iii) both fine the individual and order the individual to cease and desist from the violation.
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- (c) Except for a cease and desist order, the division may not impose the licensure sanctions listed in Section 58-91-401 through the issuance of a citation under this section.
- 787 (d) A written citation described in Subsection (3)(a) shall:
- 788 (i) describe the nature of the violation, including a reference to the allegedly violated statute, rule, or
order;
- 790 (ii) state the recipient must notify the division in writing within 20 calendar days of issuance of the
citation if the recipient intends to contest the citation at an adjudicative proceeding under Subsection
(3)(a)(ii); and
- 793 (iii) explain the consequences of failure to timely contest the citation or to make payment of a fine
assessed under the citation with the time specified in the citation.
- 795 (e) The division may serve a written citation issued under this section, or a copy of the written citation:
- 797 (i) upon an individual who is subject to service of a summons under the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure;
- 799 (ii) personally or via the individual's agent; and
- 800 (iii) by a division investigator, by a person designated by the director, or by mail.
- 801 (f)
- (i) If within 20 days from the service of a citation the individual to whom the citation was issued fails
to request a hearing to contest the citation, the citation becomes the final order of the division and is
not subject to further agency review.
- 804 (ii) The division may grant an extension of the 20-day period for cause.
- 805 (g) The division may refuse to issue or renew, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the license of a
licensee who fails to comply with a citation after the citation becomes final.
- 808 (h) The division may not issue a citation for an alleged violation under this section after the expiration
of one year following the date on which the violation that is the subject of the citation is reported to
the division.
- 811 (4) The director or the director's designee may assess fines under this section as follows:
- 812 (a) for a first offense under Subsection (3)(a), a fine of up to \$1,000;
- 813 (b) for a second offense under Subsection (3)(a), a fine of up to \$2,000; and
- 814 (c) for a subsequent offense under Subsection (3)(a), a fine of up to \$2,000 for each day of continued
violation.
- 816 (5) For purposes of issuing a final order under this section and assessing a fine under Subsection (4), an
offense is a second or subsequent offense if:

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- 818 (a) the division previously issued a final order determining that a person committed a first or second
offense in violation of Section 58-91-501; or
- 820 (b)
- 821 (i) the division initiated an action for a first or second offense;
- 822 (ii) no final order has been issued by the division;
- 822 (iii) the division determines during an investigation that occurred after the initiation of the action that
the individual committed a second or subsequent violation of Section 58-91-501; and
- 825 (iv) after determining that the person committed a second or subsequent offense, the division issues a
final order on the action.
- 827 (6) In issuing a final order for a second or subsequent offense under Subsection (5), the division shall
comply with the requirements of this section.
- 829 (7)
- (a) The division shall deposit a fine imposed by the director under Subsection (4) into the General Fund
as a dedicated credit for use by the division for the purposes listed in Section 58-91-104.
- 832 (8) The director may collect a fine that is not paid by:
- 833 (a) referring the matter to a collection agency; or
- 834 (b) bringing an action in court in the county where:
- 835 (i) the person against whom the penalty is imposed resides; or
- 836 (ii) the office of the director is located.
- 837 (9) A county attorney or the attorney general of the state shall provide legal assistance and advice to the
director in an action to collect a penalty.
- 839 (10) A court shall award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party in an action brought
by the division to collect a penalty.
- 834 Section 24. Section 24 is enacted to read:
- 836 **58-91-601. State preemption of local regulation.**
6. Regulatory Jurisdiction
- 844 (1) Notwithstanding Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, or Section 10-7-87, a political subdivision
of this state may not enact any ordinance, adopt any resolution, or make any policies relating to the
licensing or regulation of constables.
- 847 (2) Any ordinance, resolution, or policy made by any political subdivision of this state relating to the
licensing, training, or regulation of constables is superseded by this chapter.

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- 850 (3) This section does not prevent a contracting governmental entity from:
851 (a) including in a contract between a licensed constable and the contracting governmental entity any
provision that does not conflict with Subsection (1); or
853 (b) requiring a constable to conform with the contracting governmental entity's training, process,
standards, or other procedures when making an arrest or transporting a prisoner at the direction and
authorization of the contracting governmental entity.

849 Section 25. Section **76-6-1403** is amended to read:

850 **76-6-1403. Requirements for records of sale or purchases.**

- 858 (1) Every dealer shall:
- 859 (a) require the information under Subsection (2) for each transaction of regulated metal, except under
Subsection 76-6-1406(4); and
- 861 (b) maintain for each purchase of regulated metal the information required by this part in a written or
electronic log, in the English language.
- 863 (2) The dealer shall require the following information of the seller and shall record the information as
required under Subsection (1) for each purchase of regulated metal:
- 865 (a) a complete description of the regulated metal, including weight and metallic description, in
accordance with scrap metal recycling industry standards;
- 867 (b) the full name and residence of each person selling the regulated metal;
- 868 (c) the vehicle type and license plate number, if applicable, of the vehicle transporting the regulated
metal to the dealer;
- 870 (d) the price per pound and the amount paid for each type of regulated metal purchased by the dealer;
- 872 (e) the date, time, and place of the purchase;
- 873 (f) the type and the identifying number of the identification provided in Subsection (2)(g);
- 874 (g) a form of identification that is a valid United States federal or state-issued photo ID, which includes
a driver license, a United States passport, a United States passport card, or a United States military
identification card;
- 877 (h) the seller's signature on a certificate stating that the seller has the legal right to sell the scrap metal or
junk; and
- 879 (i) a digital photograph or still video of the seller, taken at the time of the sale, or a clearly legible
photocopy of the seller's identification.
- 881 (3) No entry in the log may be erased, deleted, mutilated, or changed.

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- 882 (4) The log and entries shall be open to inspection by the following [~~officials having jurisdiction~~
883 ~~over~~] individuals in the area in which the dealer does business during regular business hours:
- 885 (a) the county sheriff or deputies;
- 886 (b) any law enforcement agency;
- 887 (c) any constable who holds a contract with a city or a county in which the dealer does business; and
- 889 [~~(e)~~] (d) any [~~constable or other~~] state, municipal, or county official in the county in which the dealer
does business.
- 891 (5) A dealer shall make these records available for inspection by any law enforcement agency, upon
request, at the dealer's place of business during the dealer's regular business hours.
- 894 (6) Log entries made under this section shall be maintained for not less than three years from date of
entry.
- 896 (7)
- (a) The dealer may maintain the information required by Subsection (2) for repeat sellers who use the
same vehicle to bring regulated metal for each transaction in a relational database that allows the
dealer to enter an initial record of the seller's information and then relate subsequent transaction
records to that initial information, except under Subsection (7)(b).
- 901 (b) The dealer shall obtain regarding each transaction with repeat sellers:
- 902 (i) a photograph of the seller; and
- 903 (ii) a signature from the seller.
- 904 (8) A dealer who violates this section is subject to the penalties described in Section 76-6-1403.1.
- 899 Section 26. Section **76-8-301** is amended to read:
- 900 **76-8-301. Interference with public servant.**
- 908 (1)
- (a) As used in this section[;] :
- 909 (i) "Constable" means an individual:
- 910 (A) acting at the direction of a city, as described in Section 10-7-87;
- 911 (B) acting at the direction of a county, as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables;
- 913 (C) who is visibly identifiable as a constable and who identifies himself or herself as a constable; and
- 915 (D) who, beginning January 1, 2027, is licensed as a constable under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables
Licensing Act.
- 917 (ii) [~~"public~~] "Public servant" does not include a juror.

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- 918 (b) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-8-101 apply to this section.
- 919 (2) An actor commits interference with a public servant if the actor:
- 920 (a) uses force, violence, intimidation, or engages in any other unlawful act with a purpose to interfere
with a public servant performing or purporting to perform an official function; or
- 923 (b) obstructs, hinders, conceals, or prevents the lawful service of any civil or criminal legal process by
a sheriff, constable, deputy sheriff, deputy constable, peace officer, private investigator, or any other
person authorized to serve legal process.
- 926 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B misdemeanor.
- 920 Section 27. Section **78B-2-304** is amended to read:
- 921 **78B-2-304. Within two years.**
- An action may be brought within two years:
- 930 (1) against a marshal, sheriff, [~~constable,~~] or other officer for liability incurred during the performance
of the officer's official duties or by the omission of an official duty, including the nonpayment of
money collected upon an execution;
- 933 (2) against a constable:
- 934 (a) for the nonpayment of money collected upon an execution; or
- 935 (b) acting at the direction of a city, as described in Section 10-7-87, or a county as described in Title
17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, for liability incurred during the performance of the constable's
duties;
- 938 [(2)] (3) for recovery of damages for a death caused by the wrongful act or neglect of another;
- 940 [(3)] (4) in causes of action against the state and [its] state employees, for injury to the personal rights
of another if not otherwise provided by state or federal law; or
- 942 [(4)] (5) in causes of action against a political subdivision of the state and [its] a political subdivision's
employees, for injury to the personal rights of another arising after May 1, 2000, if not otherwise
provided by state or federal law.
- 938 Section 28. Section **78B-6-801** is amended to read:
- 939 **78B-6-801. Definitions.**
- 947 (1) "Commercial tenant" means any tenant who may be a body politic and corporate, partnership,
association, or company.
- 949 (2)
- (a) "Constable" means an individual acting at the direction of:

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- 950 (i) a city, as described in Section 10-7-87; or
- 951 (ii) a county, as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables.
- 952 (b) "Constable" also means an individual who, beginning January 1, 2027, is licensed as a constable under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act, regardless of whether the constable is providing services for a contracting governmental entity or a private client.
- 956 [~~(2)~~] (3) "Forcible detainer" means:
- 957 (a) holding and keeping by force, or by menaces and threats of violence, the possession of any real property, whether acquired peaceably or otherwise; or
- 959 (b) unlawfully entering real property during the absence of the occupants or at night, and, after demand is made for the surrender of the property, refusing for a period of three days to surrender the property to the former occupant.
- 962 [~~(3)~~] (4) "Forcible entry" means:
- 963 (a) entering any real property by:
- 964 (i) breaking open doors, windows, or other parts of a house;
- 965 (ii) fraud, intimidation, or stealth; or
- 966 (iii) any kind of violence or circumstances of terror; or
- 967 (b) after entering peaceably upon real property, turning out by force, threats, or menacing conduct the party in actual possession.
- 969 [~~(4)~~] (5) "Occupant of real property" means one who within five days preceding an unlawful entry was in the peaceable and undisturbed possession of the property.
- 971 [~~(5)~~] (6) "Owner":
- 972 (a) means the actual owner of the premises;
- 973 (b) has the same meaning as landlord under common law and the statutes of this state; and
- 975 (c) includes the owner's designated agent or successor to the estate.
- 976 [~~(6)~~] (7)
- (a) "Peaceable possession" means having a legal right to possession.
- 977 (b) "Peaceable possession" does not include:
- 978 (i) the occupation of premises by a trespasser; or
- 979 (ii) continuing to occupy real property after being served with an order of restitution issued by a court of competent jurisdiction .
- 981 [~~(7)~~] (8)

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(a) "Tenant" means any natural person and any individual, including a commercial tenant.

983 (b) "Tenant" does not include a person or entity that has no legal right to the premises.

984 [~~(8)~~] (9) "Trespasser" means a person or entity that occupies real property but never had possessory
rights in the premises.

986 [~~(9)~~] (10) "Unlawful detainer" means unlawfully remaining in possession of property after receiving a
notice to quit, served as required by this chapter, and failing to comply with that notice.

989 [~~(10)~~] (11) "Willful exclusion" means preventing the tenant from entering into the premises with intent
to deprive the tenant of entry.

984 Section 29. Section **78B-7-102** is amended to read:

985 **78B-7-102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

994 (1) "Abuse" means, except as provided in Section 78B-7-201, intentionally or knowingly causing or
attempting to cause another individual physical harm or intentionally or knowingly placing another
individual in reasonable fear of imminent physical harm.

997 (2) "Affinity" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-1-101.5.

998 (3) "Canadian domestic violence protection order" means the same as that term is defined in Section
78B-7-1201.

1000 (4) "Child" means an individual who is younger than 18 years old.

1001 (5) "Civil protective order" means an order issued, subsequent to a hearing on the petition, of which the
petitioner and respondent have been given notice, under:

1003 (a) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;

1004 (b) Part 4, Dating Violence Protective Orders;

1005 (c) Part 5, Sexual Violence Protective Orders;

1006 (d) Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders; or

1007 (e) Part 11, Workplace Violence Protective Orders.

1008 (6) "Civil stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued under Part 7, Civil Stalking
Injunctions.

1010 (7)

(a) "Cohabitant" means an emancipated individual under Section 15-2-1 or an individual who is 16
years old or older who:

1012 (i) is or was a spouse of the other party;

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- 1013 (ii) is or was living as if a spouse of the other party;
- 1014 (iii) is related by blood or marriage to the other party as the individual's parent, grandparent, sibling, or any other individual related to the individual by consanguinity or affinity to the second degree;
- 1017 (iv) has or had one or more children in common with the other party;
- 1018 (v) is the biological parent of the other party's unborn minor child;
- 1019 (vi) resides or has resided in the same residence as the other party; or
- 1020 (vii) is or was in a consensual sexual relationship with the other party.
- 1021 (b) "Cohabitant" does not include:
- 1022 (i) the relationship of natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent to a minor child; or
- 1024 (ii) the relationship between natural, adoptive, step, or foster siblings who are under 18 years old.
- 1026 (8) "Consanguinity" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-1-101.5.
- 1027 (9) "Constable" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-6-801.
- 1028 [~~9~~] (10) "Criminal protective order" means an order issued under Part 8, Criminal Protective Orders.
- 1030 [~~10~~] (11) "Criminal stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued under Part 9, Criminal Stalking Injunctions.
- 1032 [~~11~~] (12) "Court clerk" means a district court clerk.
- 1033 [~~12~~] (13)
- (a) "Dating partner" means an individual who:
- 1034 (i)
- (A) is an emancipated individual under Section 15-2-1 or Title 80, Chapter 7, Emancipation; or
- 1036 (B) is 18 years old or older; and
- 1037 (ii) is, or has been, in a dating relationship with the other party.
- 1038 (b) "Dating partner" does not include an intimate partner.
- 1039 [~~13~~] (14)
- (a) "Dating relationship" means a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature, or a relationship which has romance or intimacy as a goal by one or both parties, regardless of whether the relationship involves sexual intimacy.
- 1042 (b) "Dating relationship" does not include casual fraternization in a business, educational, or social context.
- 1044 (c) In determining, based on a totality of the circumstances, whether a dating relationship exists:

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- 1046 (i) all relevant factors shall be considered, including:
- 1047 (A) whether the parties developed interpersonal bonding above a mere casual fraternization;
- 1049 (B) the length of the parties' relationship;
- 1050 (C) the nature and the frequency of the parties' interactions, including communications indicating that
the parties intended to begin a dating relationship;
- 1053 (D) the ongoing expectations of the parties, individual or jointly, with respect to the relationship;
- 1055 (E) whether, by statement or conduct, the parties demonstrated an affirmation of their relationship to
others; and
- 1057 (F) whether other reasons exist that support or detract from a finding that a dating relationship exists;
and
- 1059 (ii) it is not necessary that all, or a particular number, of the factors described in Subsection (13)(c)(i)
are found to support the existence of a dating relationship.
- 1061 ~~[(14)]~~ (15) "Dating violence" means:
- 1062 (a) a criminal offense involving violence or physical harm, or threat of violence or physical harm, when
committed by an individual against a dating partner; or
- 1064 (b) an attempt, a conspiracy, or a solicitation by an individual to commit a criminal offense involving
violence or physical harm against a dating partner of the individual.
- 1066 ~~[(15)]~~ (16) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.
- 1067 ~~[(16)]~~ (17) "Ex parte civil protective order" means an order issued without notice to the respondent
under:
- 1069 (a) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;
- 1070 (b) Part 4, Dating Violence Protective Orders;
- 1071 (c) Part 5, Sexual Violence Protective Orders;
- 1072 (d) Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders; or
- 1073 (e) Part 11, Workplace Violence Protective Orders.
- 1074 ~~[(17)]~~ (18) "Ex parte civil stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued without notice to the
respondent under Part 7, Civil Stalking Injunctions.
- 1076 ~~[(18)]~~ (19) "Foreign protection order" means:
- 1077 (a) the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-302; or
- 1078 (b) a Canadian domestic violence protection order.
- 1079 ~~[(19)]~~ (20) "Household animal" means an animal that is tamed and kept as a pet.

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- 1080 [~~(20)~~] (21) "Intimate partner" means the same as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921.
- 1081 [~~(21)~~] (22) "Law enforcement unit" or "law enforcement agency" means any public agency having
general police power and charged with making arrests in connection with enforcement of the
criminal statutes and ordinances of this state or any political subdivision.
- 1085 [~~(22)~~] (23) "Minor child" means the same as that term is defined in Section 81-1-101.
- 1086 [~~(23)~~] (24) "Peace officer" means those individuals specified in Title 53, Chapter 13, Peace Officer
Classifications.
- 1088 [~~(24)~~] (25) "Qualifying domestic violence offense" means the same as that term is defined in Section
77-36-1.1.
- 1090 [~~(25)~~] (26) "Respondent" means the individual against whom enforcement of a protective order is
sought.
- 1092 [~~(26)~~] (27) "Stalking" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-5-106.5.
- 1086 Section 30. Section **78B-8-302** is amended to read:
- 1087 **78B-8-302. Process servers.**
- 1095 (1) A complaint, a summons, or a subpoena may be served by an individual who is:
- 1096 (a) 18 years old or older at the time of service; and
- 1097 (b) not a party to the action or a party's attorney.
- 1098 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the following may serve all process issued by the courts of
this state:
- 1100 (a) a peace officer employed by a political subdivision of the state acting within the scope and
jurisdiction of the peace officer's employment;
- 1102 (b) a sheriff or appointed deputy sheriff employed by a county of the state;
- 1103 (c) a constable, or the constable's deputy~~[-]~~ :
- 1104 (i) ~~[-]~~ serving in compliance with applicable law; and
- 1105 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, who is licensed in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables
Licensing Act;
- 1107 (d) an investigator employed by the state and authorized by law to serve civil process; or
- 1108 (e) a private investigator licensed in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 9, Private Investigator
Regulation Act.
- 1110 (3) A private investigator licensed in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 9, Private Investigator
Regulation Act, may not make an arrest pursuant to a bench warrant.

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- 1112 (4) While serving process, a private investigator shall:
- 1113 (a) have on the investigator's body a visible form of credentials and identification identifying:
- 1115 (i) the investigator's name;
- 1116 (ii) that the investigator is a licensed private investigator; and
- 1117 (iii) the name and address of the agency employing the investigator or, if the investigator is self-employed, the address of the investigator's place of business;
- 1119 (b) verbally communicate to the person being served that the investigator is acting as a process server; and
- 1121 (c) print on the first page of each document served:
- 1122 (i) the investigator's name and identification number as a private investigator; and
- 1123 (ii) the address and phone number for the investigator's place of business.
- 1124 (5) The following may only serve process under this section when the use of force is authorized on the face of the document, or when a breach of the peace is imminent or likely under the totality of the circumstances:
- 1127 (a) a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section 53-13-103; or
- 1128 (b) a special function officer, as defined in Section 53-13-105, who is:
- 1129 (i) employed as an appointed deputy sheriff by a county of the state; or
- 1130 (ii) a constable who holds a contract with:
- 1131 (A) a municipality as described in Section 10-7-87; or
- 1132 (B) a county as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables.
- 1133 (6) The following may not serve process issued by a court:
- 1134 (a) an individual convicted of a felony violation of an offense that would result in the individual being a sex offender under Subsection 53-29-202(2)(b); or
- 1136 (b) an individual who is a respondent in a proceeding described in Title 78B, Chapter 7, Protective Orders and Stalking Injunctions, in which a court has granted the petitioner a protective order.
- 1139 (7) An individual serving process shall:
- 1140 (a) legibly document the date and time of service on the front page of the document being served;
- 1142 (b) legibly print the process server's name, address, and telephone number on the return of service;
- 1144 (c) sign the return of service in substantial compliance with Title 78B, Chapter 18a, Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act;
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(d) if the process server is a peace officer, sheriff, or deputy sheriff, legibly print the badge number of the process server on the return of service;

1148 (e) if the process server is a constable, legibly print the following on the return of service:

1149 (i) before January 1, 2027, the constable's name, identification as a constable, business phone number, and the city or county that appointed or contracts with the constable; or

1152 (ii) on and after January 1, 2027, the information required in Section 58-91-601; and

1153 [(e)] (f) if the process server is a private investigator, legibly print the private investigator's identification number on the return of service.

1148 Section 31. Section **78B-8-303** is amended to read:

1149 **78B-8-303. Recoverable rates.**

If the rates charged by private process servers exceed the rates established by law for service of process by [~~persons under Subsection 78B-8-302(1)~~]individuals described in Section 78B-8-302, the excess charge may be recovered as costs of an action only if the court determines the service and charge were justifiable under the circumstances.

1154 Section 32. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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