

**Kirk A. Cullimore** proposes the following substitute bill:

## Constable Modifications

## 2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore**

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## LONG TITLE

### **General Description:**

This bill regulates the practice of a constable.

## **Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies the process by which a city or county may contract with a constable;
- beginning January 1, 2027, requires that an individual contracted by a municipality or county to act as a constable hold a constable license;
- enacts the Constables Licensing Act;
- creates the Constables Licensing Board (board);
- describes the membership, duties, and powers of the board;
- describes the duties of the Division of Professional Licensing in regard to individuals who apply for or receive licensure (licensees);
- describes the minimum required qualifications to be licensed as a constable, deputy constable, or apprentice constable;
- provides an exemption from licensure for certain licensees performing certain services;
- describes unlawful and unprofessional conduct by a licensee or an unlicensed individual forming like a licensee;
- provides a disciplinary process;
- provides for state preemption of local regulation of constables; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

### **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

## Other Special Clauses:

None

29      **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30      AMENDS:

31      **10-7-87**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

32      **17-78-601**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

34      **17-78-602**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

36      **17-78-603**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

38      **17-78-604**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

40      **17-78-605**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

42      **17-78-606**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14

44      **58-1-301.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 236

45      **76-6-1403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 111

46      **76-8-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 96

47      **78B-2-304**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

48      **78B-6-801**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 264

49      **78B-7-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 212, 332

50      **78B-8-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291

51      **78B-8-303**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

52      ENACTS:

53      **58-91-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

54      **58-91-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

55      **58-91-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

56      **58-91-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

57      **58-91-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

58      **58-91-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

59      **58-91-301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

60      **58-91-302**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

61      **58-91-303**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

62      **58-91-304**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63       **58-91-306**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

64       **58-91-401**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

65       **58-91-501**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

66       **58-91-502**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

67       **58-91-503**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

68       **58-91-601**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

69       RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

70       **58-91-305**, (Renumbered from 17-78-607, as renumbered and amended by Laws of  
71       Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 14)

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

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

75       **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  
77       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  
79       provisions of Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, in regard to the city the same as if  
80       the city were a county.

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

82       **17-78-601 . County legislative body to determine whether to contract with  
83       constables -- Contract requirements.**

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

86       [(ii) ~~If a county decides to appoint constables, the county shall nominate and appoint  
87       constables in accordance with this chapter.~~]

88       [(b)(i) ~~Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), a constable holding office on July 1,  
89       2019, may complete the constable's term.~~]

90       [(ii) ~~A constable shall serve any subsequent terms the constable may serve in  
91       accordance with this part.~~]

92       (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, a county may not contract with a constable who is not  
93       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  
95       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  
104 applicant's credentials and, by majority vote, recommend to the legislative governing  
105 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  
107 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]  
109 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]  
113 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  
115 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  
117 constables, if any;  
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  
120 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  
122 53-6-211[.] ; or  
123 (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, the constable's license is suspended or revoked by the  
124 Division of Professional Licensing in accordance with the provisions of Title 58,  
125 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  
129 the county, if different than the fees described in this part or not otherwise set in  
130 county ordinance; and

131 (h) a maximum term of four years.

132 [ (5) ~~In addition to the appointment process described in Subseetions (1) through (4), the~~  
133 ~~legislative body of a county where a justice court exists may contract with a constable to~~  
134 ~~provide services in criminal cases for the contracting governmental entity by a method~~  
135 ~~and for an amount mutually agreed upon.]~~

136 [ (6)(a) ~~A contract between a county legislative body and a constable, including a~~  
137 ~~contraet 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~~  
139 ~~not to exceed four years.]~~

140 (5) A contract described in Subsection (4) may be renewed or extended by written  
141 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  
143 accordance with this section, the constable may not fulfill the duties described in this  
144 part for the county.

145 (7) If a county terminates a contract described in Subsection (4), the county shall notify the  
146 Division of Professional Licensing.

147 (8) Contracting for constable services does not constitute a procurement and a county that  
148 issues a contract to a constable as described in this part is not required to comply with  
149 procurement processes described in Section 17-63-506 in regard to that contract.

150 Section 3. Section **17-78-602** is amended to read:

151 **17-78-602 . Contracted constable authority and duties -- Constables to serve**  
152 **process in certain circumstances.**

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

155 [(2)] (1)(a) A constable who has a contract with a county as described in Section  
156 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  
160 during the hours the 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  
163 91, Constables Licensing Act.

164 (c) A deputy constable acting at the direction and general control of the constable who

165       holds a contract with a county, as described in Section 17-78-601, may fulfill any  
166       duty of a constable described in this part unless the action is limited in or specifically  
167       prohibited by the contract between the constable and the county.

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

169       so long as:

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

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

172       (A) in this part; and

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

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

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

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

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

182       **17-78-603 . Activity outside a jurisdiction -- Constables to provide service to**  
183       **justice courts in certain circumstances -- Agent of governmental entity in certain**  
184       **circumstances.**

185       [(1)(a) Constables appointed by a county are appointed for terms of six years and may  
186       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  
188       a constable appointed on or after July 1, 2018, expires six years after the day on  
189       which the term began.]

190       [(2)] (1)(a) [Appointed constables] A constable who is serving process outside the county [  
191       in which they are appointed] with which the constable holds a contract, as described  
192       in Section 17-78-601, shall contact the sheriff's office or police department of the  
193       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  
195       agency of jurisdiction by contacting the sheriff's office or police department of  
196       jurisdiction before serving a warrant of arrest in the jurisdiction.

197       (c) A constable that is serving process may establish a payment schedule with the  
198       individual being served in lieu of seizing the individual's property, subject to

199 approval from the underlying creditor, if any.

200 [(3) The appointed constable may, upon approval of the appointing county, employ and  
201 deputize persons who are certified as special function peace officers to function as  
202 deputy constables.]

203 [(4) If the county legislative body withdraws the authority of an appointed constable, the  
204 authority of all deputy constables employed or deputized by the appointed constable is  
205 also withdrawn.]

206 [(5) If the authority of a constable or deputy constable is withdrawn under Subsection (4),  
207 the county shall notify the Peace Officer Standards and Training Division of the  
208 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  
211 court order; and]

212 [(b) execute, serve, and return all process directed or delivered to the constable by a  
213 judge of the justice court serving the county, or by any competent authority within  
214 the limits of this section.]

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  
225 of the justice court serving the county, or by any competent authority within the  
226 limits of this section.

227 (3) When acting under Subsection (1) or (2), or Section 17-78-605, the constable shall serve  
228 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

233 and businesses in the county to request the constable's services in civil matters,  
234 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  
241 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  
243 considered to be serving as an agent, for a person that is not described in Subsection (8).]

244 Section 5. Section **17-78-604** is amended to read:

245 **17-78-604 . Constables in civil actions -- Fees for constables.**

246 (1) [Constables] A constable who holds a county contract described in Section 17-78-601  
247 may, for the constable's own use, collect as compensation in civil matters the same fees  
248 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  
251 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  
253 increased fee are justifiable.

254 (3)(a) A county may, by resolution or ordinance, establish fees for constable services in  
255 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  
258 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  
260 in a civil matter, in accordance with this section and any fees established by the  
261 county under Subsection (3)(a).

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

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

267           **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

273                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;

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

279                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

281                shall pay a contracted constable [shall be paid] in criminal matters for each copy of a

282                summons, subpoena, notice, court order, or other criminal paper as follows:

283                (i) \$5 for each defendant served; and

284                (ii) mileage of \$1 per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going only, to be

285                computed from[-either] :

286                (A) the courthouse[,-] ; or

287                (B) when transmitted by mail, from the post office where received.

288           (b) If more than one trip is necessary to serve, or diligently attempt to serve, service of

289                process, a constable may collect mileage charges for more than two trips only if the

290                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)

292                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

294                originated, travel expenses may not exceed the fee that would be charged if served by

295                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

297                fee of \$1 for each mile traveled for the purpose of serving, or to diligently attempt

298                service of, a warrant of arrest, both in going to and returning from the defendant's

299                address.

300           (b) If more than one trip is necessary to serve, or diligently attempt to serve, a warrant of

301 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)  
303 on the affidavit of return of service.

304 [(4)] (5) For arresting [a prisoner] an individual and bringing the [prisoner] individual into  
305 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  
307 shall be:]

308 [(i) ~~eertified as correect 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  
311 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  
316 proceedings in which the county attorney or district attorney has not authorized the  
317 issuance of the warrant of arrest in writing.

318 [(6)] (7) A county may, [by contract with a constable, establish lower] in the contract  
319 described in Section 17-78-601, establish different fees for services than the fees  
320 described in this section.

321 Section 7. Section **17-78-606** is amended to read:

322 **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~~  
324 ~~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  
326 ordinance, in accordance with Section 17-64-501, for a service provided by the  
327 constable the same as the county legislative body sets fees for a county sheriff as  
328 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  
331 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  
333 increased fee are justifiable.

334 Section 8. Section **58-1-301.5** is amended to read:

335           **58-1-301.5 . Division access to Bureau of Criminal Identification records. --**

336           **Criminal background check requirement.**

337           (1) As used in this section, "applicant" means an individual applying for licensure or  
338           certification, or with respect to a license or certification, applying for renewal,  
339           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.

368           (2) The division shall have direct access to local files maintained by the Bureau of Criminal

369       Identification under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2, Bureau of Criminal Identification, for  
370       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  
375                abeyance, dismissed charges, and charges without a known disposition; and

376              (ii) criminal background information maintained under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2,  
377                Bureau of Criminal Identification.

378       (4) The division may not disseminate outside of the division any criminal history record  
379       information that the division obtains from the Bureau of Criminal Identification or the  
380       Federal Bureau of Investigation under the criminal background check requirements of  
381       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  
384           a license application or a registration; and

385           (b) consent to a fingerprint background check conducted by the Bureau of Criminal  
386           Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the application.

387       (6)(a) Upon receiving fingerprints from an applicant in accordance with Subsection (5),  
388       the division shall:

389           (i) collect from each applicant submitting fingerprints in accordance with this section:

390              (A) the fee that the Bureau of Criminal Identification is authorized to collect for  
391                the services provided under Section 53-10-108; and

392              (B) the fee charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for fingerprint  
393                processing for the purpose of obtaining federal criminal history record  
394                information;

395           (ii) submit from each applicant the fingerprints and the fees described in Subsection  
396              (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  
398                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  
400       this chapter.

401       (7) In accordance with the requirements of Section 53-10-108, the Bureau of Criminal  
402       Identification shall:

403 (a) check the fingerprints submitted under Subsection (5)(a) against the applicable state  
404 and regional criminal records databases;  
405 (b) forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal  
406 history background check; and  
407 (c) provide the results from the state, regional, and nationwide criminal history  
408 background checks to the division.

409 (8)(a)(i) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, if the  
410 criminal background check required under this section demonstrates, after the  
411 applicant is licensed or registered, that the applicant failed to accurately disclose a  
412 criminal history, the division may provide notice to the applicant that the license  
413 or registration is immediately and automatically revoked.  
414 (ii) If a massage establishment owner has a criminal conviction or pending criminal  
415 charges for any crime under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, or any  
416 crime listed by rule made by the division in collaboration with the board in  
417 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
418 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  
420 (8)(a) is entitled to a hearing to challenge the revocation.  
421 (ii) A registered massage establishment for which the registration has been revoked  
422 in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) is entitled to a hearing to challenge the  
423 revocation.  
424 (c) The division shall conduct the hearing described in this Subsection (8) in accordance  
425 with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

426 Section 9. Section **58-91-101** is enacted to read:

## 427 **CHAPTER 91. Constables Licensing Act**

### 428 **Part 1. General Provisions**

#### 429 **58-91-101 . Definitions.**

430 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  
432 identify the client, the dates of service, the fee for service, the payments for service, the  
433 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  
435 public notice, publication, or solicitation of business, directly or indirectly, that services

436       regulated under this chapter are available for consideration.

437       (3) "Applicant" means a person who has submitted to the division a completed application  
438       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  
442       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  
445       licensed constable for pay.

446       (7) "Constable" means an individual who:

447        (a) is licensed as a constable under this chapter; and

448        (b) 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,  
451       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  
454       from a trial or plea, including a plea of no contest or nolo contendere, regardless of  
455       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  
459       a constable.

460       (11) "Emergency action" means a summary suspension of a license issued under this  
461       chapter pending revocation, suspension, or probation, in order to protect the public  
462       health, safety, or welfare.

463       (12) "Identification card" means a personal pocket- or wallet-size card issued by the  
464       division to a 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,  
468       vehicles, or any other structure that could reasonably be expected to house or shelter  
469       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  
474 and extent 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  
476 58-91-801.  
477 (21) "Unprofessional conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501  
478 and 58-91-802, and as may be further defined by the board by rule.

479 Section 10. Section **58-91-102** is enacted to read:

**58-91-102 . Division administration -- Rulemaking.**

480 (1) The division shall keep records of:  
481 (a) all applications for licenses under this chapter; and  
482 (b) proof of workers' compensation required to be filed.  
483 (2) If a license is revoked, suspended, or canceled, or a license is denied or placed on  
484 probation, the division shall ensure the date of filing the order for revocation,  
485 suspension, cancellation, denial, or probation is included in a record described in  
486 Subsection (1).  
487 (3) The division shall maintain:  
488 (a) a list of all individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, or corporations that have  
489 had a license revoked, suspended, placed on probation, or canceled; and  
490 (b) a written record of complaints filed against licensees.  
491 (4)(a) The division may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
492 Administrative Rulemaking Act, as necessary to administer this chapter.  
493 (b) Rules described in Subsection (4)(a) shall include a requirement that all providers  
494 offering instruction or continuing instruction required for licensure under this chapter  
495 shall offer the courses to all applicants at the same course fees, in order to be  
496 qualified by the board.  
497 (5) All records described in this section are open to the public under Title 63G, Chapter 2,  
498 Government Records Access and Management Act, except licensees' residential  
499 addresses and telephone numbers.

500 Section 11. Section **58-91-103** is enacted to read:

**58-91-103 . License classifications -- Background checks -- Prohibited acts --**

501 **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  
510 58-1-301.5;

511 (b) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in  
512 Subsection (2)(a) that the division establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G,  
513 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);

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  
522 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  
525 qualify for a license under this chapter.

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

527 Section 12. Section **58-91-104** is enacted to read:

528 **58-91-104 . Use of money for education, training, and enforcement.**

529 The director may, with the concurrence of the board, use fines collected under Section

530 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  
533 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  
537 against an individual charged with unprofessional or unlawful conduct.

538 Section 13. Section **58-91-201** is enacted to read:

## Part 2. Board

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

- (1) There is created the Constables Licensing Board.
- (2) The membership of the board consists of:
  - (a) one individual representing a county that:
    - (i) appointed or contracted with an unlicensed constable service before January 1, 2027; or
    - (ii) on or after January 1, 2027, is contracted with a licensed constable as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables;
  - (b)(i) before January 1, 2027, an individual who has at least five years' experience acting as a constable in the state; or
  - (ii) beginning January 1, 2027, an individual who is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act;
  - (c) a sheriff or chief of police;
  - (d) one individual:
    - (i) representing the legal community; and
    - (ii) with experience utilizing constable services as a client; and
  - (e) a member of the public who:
    - (i) does not have a financial interest in a constable business; and
    - (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.
- (3)(a)(i) The executive director shall appoint board members in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
  - (ii) In making the appointment of the board member described in Subsection (2)(a), the executive director shall consider nominees put forth by the Utah Association of Counties.
  - (b) A board member shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state at the time of appointment.
  - (c) A board member serves in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
- (4)(a) The board shall carry out the board's duties and responsibilities in accordance with Sections 58-1-202 and 58-1-203.
  - (b) The board shall designate one board member to:
    - (i) assist the division in reviewing a complaint regarding the unlawful or

unprofessional conduct of an individual licensed under this chapter; and

(ii) advise the division in the division's investigation of a complaint described in Subsection (4)(b)(i).

(5) 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.

Section 14. Section **58-91-202** is enacted to read:

**58-91-202 . Powers and duties of the board.**

(1) The board shall:

(a)(i) review all applications for licensing and renewals of licenses submitted by the division under this chapter; and

(ii) approve or disapprove applications;

(b) review all complaints and take disciplinary action; and

(c) establish standards for and approve providers of courses required for licensure.

(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:

(a) investigation of an applicant for licensure under this chapter; or

(b) a formal complaint against, or division investigation of, a constable.

Section 15. Section **58-91-301** is enacted to read:

### Part 3. Licensing Constables

**58-91-301 . Scope of practice of a constable -- License required on or after**

**January 1, 2027.**

(1)(a) A constable may:

(i) serve legal documents throughout the state;

(ii) serve any civil process throughout the state;

(iii) when acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity, arrest an individual pursuant to an arrest warrant in any location in the state:

(iv) when acting under the direction of a contracting governmental entity, transport a prisoner within the state:

(v) when acting under the direction of a justice court, take an action described in Subsection 17.78.603(2):

(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)  
608 when acting at the direction of a licensed constable.

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

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

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

617 (4) Beginning January 1, 2027, a license is required to engage in the practice of a constable,  
618 whether the constable engages a client, a contracting governmental entity, or both.

619 Section 16. Section **58-91-302** is enacted to read:

620 **58-91-302 . Qualifications for licensure.**

621 (1) Each applicant for licensure 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  
624 Section 53-13-105;

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

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

629 (ii) five years of combined experience as a constable described in Subsection (1)(c)(i),  
630 a deputy constable, or a law enforcement officer if at least one year of the  
631 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  
634 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  
637 (1)(d)(i) or law enforcement officer if at least 500 hours of the experience was as a  
638 deputy constable; or

639 (iii) 1,000 hours of experience as an apprentice constable licensed under this chapter;

640 (e) submit an application in a form the division approves;  
641 (f) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;  
642 (g) provide evidence that the constable carries the minimum required insurance; and  
643 (h) meet with the division and board, if requested by the division or the board.

644 (2) The division and board shall establish by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,  
645 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the type of insurance coverage and minimum  
646 coverage amounts required for:  
647 (a) a licensed constable who provides criminal services for a contracting governmental  
648 entity, civil services for a contracting governmental entity, and civil services for a  
649 client;  
650 (b) a licensed constable who provides only civil services for a contracting governmental  
651 entity or a client;  
652 (c) a licensed constable who provides only civil services for a client;  
653 (d) a deputy constable; and  
654 (e) an apprentice constable.

655 Section 17. Section **58-91-303** is enacted to read:

656 **58-91-303 . Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.**

657 (1)(a) The division shall issue each license under this chapter in accordance with a  
658 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  
660 to stagger the renewal cycles the division administers.  
661 (2) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license unless  
662 the licensee renews the license in accordance with Section 58-1-308.

663 Section 18. Section **58-91-304** is enacted to read:

664 **58-91-304 . Exemptions from licensure.**

665 (1) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, an individual may  
666 engage in acts regulated under this chapter without being licensed under this chapter if  
667 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  
673 regarding peace officer employees working while off duty as a constable and the

written policy addresses the issue of financial responsibility;

- (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
- (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.

Section 19. Section **58-91-305**, which is renumbered from Section 17-78-607 is renumbered and amended to read:

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

(1) An individual licensed as a constable shall:

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

(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:

- (a) the individual as a constable;
- (b) the individual's name; and
- (c) the governmental contracting entity for which the constable is acting, if applicable.
- [~~(e) the county for which the constable is appointed or contracted.~~]

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

- (a) verbally communicate to the person being served that the constable is a constable; and
- (b) print on the first page of each document served:
  - (i) the constable's name and identification as a constable;
  - (ii) the county for which the constable is appointed; and
  - (iii) a business phone number for the constable.

[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.

Section 20. Section **58-91-306** is enacted to read:

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

(1) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-91-305, the division in collaboration with

708 the board may establish by rule additional operating standards that shall apply to the  
709 conduct of licensees under this chapter, including rules relating to use of uniforms,  
710 badges, insignia, designations, and representations used by or associated with a  
711 licensee's practice under this chapter.

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

714 Section 21. Section **58-91-401** is enacted to read:

#### 715 **Part 4. License Denial and Discipline**

##### 716 **58-91-401 . General grounds for denial of license -- Disciplinary proceedings.**

717 The division and board may, in accordance with Section 58-1-401, take any of the  
718 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;  
722 (4) issue a public or private reprimand to a licensee; and  
723 (5) issue a cease and desist order to a licensee.

724 Section 22. Section **58-91-501** is enacted to read:

#### 725 **Part 5. Unlawful Conduct - Unprofessional Conduct - Penalties**

##### 726 **58-91-501 . Unlawful conduct.**

727 "Unlawful conduct" includes:

728 (1) a licensee employing the services of an unlicensed individual to perform the duties of a  
729 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  
731 applicant, or are in any other way false or fraudulent and intended to mislead the  
732 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  
734 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  
738 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  
742 78B-7-105 or 78B-7-207.

743 Section 23. Section **58-91-502** is enacted to read:

744 **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;
- 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).

763 Section 24. Section **58-91-503** is enacted to read:

764 **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  
776 Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

777 (b) In regard to an individual who violates Section 58-91-501, as evidenced by an  
778 uncontested citation, a stipulated settlement, or a finding of a violation in an  
779 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  
783 violation.

784 (c) Except for a cease and desist order, the division may not impose the licensure  
785 sanctions listed in Section 58-91-401 through the issuance of a citation under this  
786 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  
789 statute, rule, or order;  
790 (ii) state the recipient must notify the division in writing within 20 calendar days of  
791 issuance of the citation if the recipient intends to contest the citation at an  
792 adjudicative proceeding under Subsection (3)(a)(ii); and  
793 (iii) explain the consequences of failure to timely contest the citation or to make  
794 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  
796 written citation:

797 (i) upon an individual who is subject to service of a summons under the Utah Rules  
798 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  
802 citation was issued fails to request a hearing to contest the citation, the citation  
803 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  
806 license of a licensee who fails to comply with a citation after the citation becomes  
807 final.

808 (h) The division may not issue a citation for an alleged violation under this section after

809       the expiration of one year following the date on which the violation that is the subject  
810       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  
815           of continued violation.

816       (5) For purposes of issuing a final order under this section and assessing a fine under  
817       Subsection (4), an offense is a second or subsequent offense if:  
818           (a) the division previously issued a final order determining that a person committed a  
819           first or second offense in violation of Section 58-91-501; or  
820           (b)(i) the division initiated an action for a first or second offense;  
821                   (ii) no final order has been issued by the division;  
822                   (iii) the division determines during an investigation that occurred after the initiation  
823                   of the action that the individual committed a second or subsequent violation of  
824                   Section 58-91-501; and  
825                   (iv) after determining that the person committed a second or subsequent offense, the  
826                   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  
828       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  
830       the General Fund as a dedicated credit for use by the division for the purposes listed  
831       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  
838       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  
840       action brought by the division to collect a penalty.

841       Section 25. Section **58-91-601** is enacted to read:

842                   **Part 6. Regulatory Jurisdiction**

843        **58-91-601 . State preemption of local regulation.**

844        (1) Notwithstanding Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables, or Section 10-7-87, a political  
845        subdivision of this state may not enact any ordinance, adopt any resolution, or make any  
846        policies relating to the licensing or regulation of constables.

847        (2) Any ordinance, resolution, or policy made by any political subdivision of this state  
848        relating to the licensing, training, or regulation of constables is superseded by this  
849        chapter.

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  
852            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,  
854            process, standards, or other procedures when making an arrest or transporting a  
855            prisoner at the direction and authorization of the contracting governmental entity.

856        Section 26. Section **76-6-1403** is amended to read:

857        **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,  
860            except under Subsection 76-6-1406(4); and  
861            (b) maintain for each purchase of regulated metal the information required by this part in  
862            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  
864            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  
866            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  
869            the regulated metal to the dealer;  
870            (d) the price per pound and the amount paid for each type of regulated metal purchased  
871            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,  
875            which includes a driver license, a United States passport, a United States passport  
876            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  
878 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  
880 clearly legible photocopy of the seller's identification.

881 (3) No entry in the log may be erased, deleted, mutilated, or changed.

882 (4) The log and entries shall be open to inspection by the following [officials having  
883 jurisdiction over] individuals in the area in which the dealer does business during regular  
884 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  
888 business; and

889 [(e)] (d) any [constable or other] state, municipal, or county official in the county in  
890 which the dealer does business.

891 (5) A dealer shall make these records available for inspection by any law enforcement  
892 agency, upon request, at the dealer's place of business during the dealer's regular  
893 business hours.

894 (6) Log entries made under this section shall be maintained for not less than three years  
895 from date of entry.

896 (7)(a) The dealer may maintain the information required by Subsection (2) for repeat  
897 sellers who use the same vehicle to bring regulated metal for each transaction in a  
898 relational database that allows the dealer to enter an initial record of the seller's  
899 information and then relate subsequent transaction records to that initial information,  
900 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  
905 76-6-1403.1.

906 Section 27. Section **76-8-301** is amended to read:

907 **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;

- (B) acting at the direction of a county, as described in Title 17, Chapter 78, Part 6, Constables;
- (C) who is visibly identifiable as a constable and who identifies himself or herself as a constable; and
- (D) who, beginning January 1, 2027, is licensed as a constable under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act.

(ii) ~~["public]~~ Public servant" does not include a juror.

(b) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-8-101 apply to this section.

(2) An actor commits interference with a public servant if the actor:

(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

(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.

(3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class B misdemeanor.

Section 28. Section **78B-2-304** is amended to read:

**78B-2-304 . Within two years.**

An action may be brought within two years:

(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;

(2) against a constable:

(a) for the nonpayment of money collected upon an execution; or

(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;

[{2}] {3} for recovery of damages for a death caused by the wrongful act or neglect of another;

[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

[44] (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.

945       Section 29. Section **78B-6-801** is amended to read:

946       **78B-6-801 . Definitions.**

947       (1) "Commercial tenant" means any tenant who may be a body politic and corporate,  
948            partnership, association, or company.

949       (2)(a) "Constable" means an individual acting at the direction of:

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  
953            a constable under Title 58, Chapter 91, Constables Licensing Act, regardless of  
954            whether the constable is providing services for a contracting governmental entity or a  
955            private client.

956       [(2)] (3) "Forcible detainer" means:

957            (a) holding and keeping by force, or by menaces and threats of violence, the possession  
958                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,  
960                and, after demand is made for the surrender of the property, refusing for a period of  
961                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  
968                menacing conduct the party in actual possession.

969       [(4)] (5) "Occupant of real property" means one who within five days preceding an unlawful  
970            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;  
974                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

(ii) continuing to occupy real property after being served with an order of restitution issued by a court of competent jurisdiction .

[~~(7)~~] (8)(a) "Tenant" means any natural person and any individual, including a commercial tenant.

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

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

[(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.

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

Section 30. Section **78B-7-102** is amended to read:

## 78B-7-102 . Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(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

(2) "Affinity" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-1-101 5

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

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

(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:

(a) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;

(b) Part 4, Dating Violence Protective Orders;

(c) Part 5, Sexual Violence Protective Orders;

(d) Part 6. Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders; or

(e) Part 11, Workplace Violence Protective Orders.

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

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

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

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,

1015 grandparent, sibling, or any other individual related to the individual by

1016 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;

1023 or

1024 (ii) the relationship between natural, adoptive, step, or foster siblings who are under

1025 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

1029 Protective Orders.

1030 [(10)] (11) "Criminal stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued under Part 9,

1031 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,

1035 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

1040 nature, or a relationship which has romance or intimacy as a goal by one or both

1041 parties, regardless of whether the relationship involves sexual intimacy.

1042 (b) "Dating relationship" does not include casual fraternization in a business,

1043 educational, or social context.

1044 (c) In determining, based on a totality of the circumstances, whether a dating

1045 relationship exists:

1046 (i) all relevant factors shall be considered, including:

1047 (A) whether the parties developed interpersonal bonding above a mere casual  
1048 fraternization;

1049 (B) the length of the parties' relationship;

1050 (C) the nature and the frequency of the parties' interactions, including  
1051 communications indicating that the parties intended to begin a dating  
1052 relationship;

1053 (D) the ongoing expectations of the parties, individual or jointly, with respect to  
1054 the relationship;

1055 (E) whether, by statement or conduct, the parties demonstrated an affirmation of  
1056 their relationship to others; and

1057 (F) whether other reasons exist that support or detract from a finding that a dating  
1058 relationship exists; and

1059 (ii) it is not necessary that all, or a particular number, of the factors described in  
1060 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  
1063 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  
1065 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  
1068 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  
1075 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.

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  
1082 having general police power and charged with making arrests in connection with  
1083 enforcement of the criminal statutes and ordinances of this state or any political  
1084 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  
1087 Officer Classifications.

1088 [24] (25) "Qualifying domestic violence offense" means the same as that term is defined in  
1089 Section 77-36-1.1.

1090 [25] (26) "Respondent" means the individual against whom enforcement of a protective  
1091 order is sought.

1092 [26] (27) "Stalking" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-5-106.5.

1093 Section 78B-8-302 is amended to read:

1094 **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  
1099 courts of this state:

- 1100 (a) a peace officer employed by a political subdivision of the state acting within the  
1101 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  
1106 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  
1109 Investigator Regulation Act.

1110 (3) A private investigator licensed in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 9, Private  
1111 Investigator Regulation Act, may not make an arrest pursuant to a bench warrant.

1112 (4) While serving process, a private investigator shall:

- 1113 (a) have on the investigator's body a visible form of credentials and identification  
1114 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

1118 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

1120 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

1125 authorized on the face of the document, or when a breach of the peace is imminent or

1126 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

1135 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,

1137 Protective Orders and Stalking Injunctions, in which a court has granted the

1138 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

1141 being served;

1142 (b) legibly print the process server's name, address, and telephone number on the return

1143 of service;

1144 (c) sign the return of service in substantial compliance with Title 78B, Chapter 18a,

1145 Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act;

1146 (d) if the process server is a peace officer, sheriff, or deputy sheriff, legibly print the

1147 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:

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

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

Section 32. Section **78B-8-303** is amended to read:

## **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.

### **Section 33. Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.