

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, and filed with the agency secretary on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Private Investigation Board

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend

**RULE NO.:** 741-X-2-.01

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **Add (9) (10) Code of AL 1975, 34-25b - 4 and 34-25b-6**

**RULE TITLE:** Definitions

**ACTION TAKEN:** State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

**Adopted without changes.** None

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIII, ISSUE NO. 2, AAM,  
DATED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024.

**STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** Alabama Private Investigation Board

(Date Filed)  
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**LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY**

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

**741-X-2-.01      Definitions.**

- (1) Board - The Alabama Private Investigation Board.
- (2) APIA - The Alabama Private Investigators Association.
- (3) Applicant - any individual seeking licensure by the Board who has submitted an official application and paid the application fee.
- (4) Biennial - every two (2) years.
- (5) Felony - A criminal offense that is defined and punishable under the laws of this state, or an offense committed outside the State of Alabama, which if committed in this state, would constitute a felony under Alabama law; a crime in any other state or a crime against the United States which is designated as a felony; or an offense in any other state, territory, or country punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.
- (6) Licensed Private Investigator (LPI) - a person licensed by the Board to provide private investigation services.
- (7) Private Investigation - The compensated act of any individual or company engaging in the business of obtaining or furnishing information with reference to any of the following:
  - (a) A crime committed or threatened against the United States or any state or territory of the United States.
  - (b) The identity, habits, conduct, business, occupation, honesty, integrity, credibility, including, but not limited to, the credibility of a person giving testimony in a criminal or civil proceeding, knowledge, trustworthiness, efficiency, loyalty, activity, movement, whereabouts, affiliations, associations, transactions, acts, reputations, or character of any person.
  - (c) The location, disposition, or recovery of lost or stolen property.
  - (d) The cause or responsibility for fires, losses, accidents, damages, or injuries to persons or to property.
- (8) Private Investigator - A person who is engaged in private investigation as defined herein and who is licensed in accordance with this act.
  - (a) A person who, for compensation, performs one or more of the private investigation services defined and regulated by this act.
  - (b) A person who, for consideration, advertises as providing or performing a private investigation. The term does not include an informant who, on a one-time or limited basis, as a result of unique expertise, ability, or vocation, and who provides information or services while under the direction and control of a licensee of the Board, that would otherwise be included in the definition of private investigation.
- Private Investigation Agency -
- (9) Private Investigation Agency - A corporation, firm, partnership, or other business entity that, for compensation,

practices private investigation in this state and employs licensed private investigators. The term includes a business entity that practices private investigations through licensed private investigators who are solely independent contractors rather than employees.

(10) Private Investigator Apprentice - An individual who is engaged in a private investigation under the supervision of a licensed private investigator and who is licensed in accordance with this article.

**Author:** The Alabama Private Investigation Board

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, 34-25b- 4 and 34-25B-6

**History:** New Rule - Filed June 14, 2024, effective October 14, 2024

**Author:** The Alabama Private Investigation Board

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-25B-1 through 34-25B-29.

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