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TO: All S-licensees and Security Systems businesses

FROM: Commissioner Thomas G. Gatzunis, P.E.

RE: National CORI submitted in application for S-licensure and certificates of clearance under M.G.L. c.147, §§59 and 60

DATE: April 30, 2015

On a case-by-case basis, the Department of Public Safety will now accept national criminal offender record information (CORI) from S-licensees in application for certificates of clearance pursuant to M.G.L. c.147, §60 in lieu of MA-only CORI provided by the MA Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS). S-licensees who wish to submit national CORI for company employees in lieu of MA-only CORI must first provide the Department with documentation demonstrating how national CORI is obtained, including detailed information on the source(s), breadth and depth of the national CORI obtained. If the Department is satisfied with the documentation provided, it will approve an S-licensee's use of national CORI in lieu of MA-only CORI in application for certificates of clearance for company employees.

Moreover, although the Department runs the criminal history background check on S-licensees, any security systems business that would like to submit national CORI as part of an employee's application for S-licensure under M.G.L. c.147, §59 may do so. Security systems businesses do not have to provide the documentation required above if submitting national CORI only for S-licensees and not certificates of clearance.

Please note, however, that all S-licenses and certificates of clearance will be uniform. As such it will not be apparent on the face of a license or certificate whether a criminal background check was performed nationally or through MA DCJIS.