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Bill Analysis

SB 235 changes the late fee associated with the license renewal for bail enforcers into a nonrefundable fee. Additionally, any license application received by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) more than thirty days after the expiration date will be deemed nonrenewable. The measure also allows records pertaining to final orders related to administrative proceedings and documentation requested by CLEET from the applicant or licensee to complete the application process to be disclosed.

SB 235 further requires applicants for an armed private investigator license to submit to the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory or any other psychological evaluation approved by CLEET. The measure restricts exemptions to psychological evaluations to full-time peace officers, retired or active. Under this measure, CLEET is prohibited from issuing a license renewal for any license permitting a person to carry a firearm if the person has been involuntarily committed for a mental illness. In the event that the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse reports to CLEET that the applicant has been involuntarily committed, CLEET is obliged to inform the applicant's employer.

CLEET is also authorized to issue conditional licenses to unarmed security guards or private investigators pending a background investigation and the person completed all required application procedures. Conditional licenses may be withdrawn at CLEET's discretion and must clearly display that the holder is not allowed to carry a firearm. The measure also clarifies that the applicant must not have plead guilty, no contest, or any other plea except for "not guilty" to any felony in addition to a conviction as provided for by current law.

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