

Executive Order 1999-18

(April 28, 1999)

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has empowered the Governor to appoint at his discretion such additional deputies, constables, security guards and detectives as he may deem necessary to assist in the detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of this State under Section 23-1-60 of the *South Carolina Code of Laws* ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, there exist certain obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before an individual may appoint a deputy, constable, security guard or detective; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) may prescribe such law enforcement training before an appointment shall be made; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State to ensure that individuals are competent and receive adequate training to perform such duties that are required of the individual so appointed; and

WHEREAS, those individuals appointed are granted law enforcement authority and should, therefore, be given the necessary training to ensure compliance with the laws of this State and to better serve the public; and

WHEREAS, such authority vested in these individuals is statewide, and is granted for the purpose of assisting law enforcement, appointments should be limited to those individuals who require such statewide authority and for the purpose of assisting law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that Executive Order 90-08 must be modified in certain particulars.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, no person shall be appointed or certified as a deputy, constable, security guard or detective pursuant to Section 23-1-60 of the Code, except in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by SLED and approved by the Governor. These policies and procedures may be amended from time to time without the issuance of a new Executive Order. The policies and procedures, as amended, shall be made available to all applicants. Failure to abide by these procedures will subject the applicant to denial of an appointment and/or immediate revocation of his commission as a deputy, constable, security guard and/or detective by the Governor as granted under Section 23-1-60 of the Code.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

