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- (j) The licensee shall maintain documentation of criminal record clearances or criminal record exemptions of employees in the individual's personnel file as required in Section 87412, Personnel Records.
- (k) The licensee shall maintain documentation of criminal record clearances or criminal record exemptions of volunteers that require fingerprinting and non-client adults residing in the facility.
 - (1) Documentation shall be available at the facility for inspection by the Department.
- (l) The Department may seek verification from a law enforcement agency or court of an individual's criminal record as reported to the Department from any member of the public or affected individual.
 - (1) Upon obtaining confirmation from a law enforcement agency or court of the offense, the Department shall proceed as if this criminal record information was provided by the California Department of Justice.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1569.30 and 1569.49(d), Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1569.17 and 1569.49, Health and Safety Code.

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- (a) The Department shall notify a licensee to act immediately to terminate the employment of, remove from the facility or bar from entering the facility any person described in Sections 87356(a)(1) through (5) below while the Department considers granting or denying an exemption. Upon notification, the licensee shall comply with the notice.
 - (1) Any person who has been convicted of, or is awaiting trial for, a sex offense against a minor;
 - (2) Any person who has been convicted of a felony;
 - (3) Any person who has been convicted of an offense specified in Section 243.4, 273a, 273d, 273g, or 368 of the Penal Code or any other crime specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1569.17(c)(3);
 - (4) Any person who has been convicted of any crime specified below:
 - (A) Battery
 - (B) Shooting at Inhabited Dwelling

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- (C) Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant
 - (D) Discharging Firearm with Gross Negligence
 - (E) Exhibiting Weapon/Firearm
 - (F) Threat to Commit a Crime Resulting in Gross Bodily Injury or Death
 - (G) Criminal Threat to Harm or Injure Another Person
 - (H) Cruelty to Animals
 - (I) Willful Harm or Injury to Child; or
- (5) Any other person ordered to be removed by the Department.
- (b) In addition to the requirements of Section 87356(a), the licensee must return the confirmation of removal form that is sent by the Department, within five (5) days of the date of the form, that confirms under penalty of perjury that the individual has been removed from the facility.
- (1) Confirmation must be made on either a Removal Confirmation – Exemption Needed, LIC 300A (Rev. 9/03), Removal Confirmation - Denial, LIC 300B (Rev. 9/03), Removal Confirmation - Rescinded, LIC 300C (Rev. 9/03), or Removal Confirmation - Nonexemptible, LIC 300D (Rev. 9/03).
- (c) After a review of the criminal record transcript, the Department may grant an exemption if:
- (1) The applicant/licensee requests an exemption in writing for himself or herself, or
 - (2) The applicant/licensee requests an exemption in writing for an individual associated with the facility, or
 - (3) The applicant/licensee chooses not to seek an exemption on the affected individual's behalf, the affected individual requests an individual exemption in writing, and
 - (4) The affected individual presents substantial and convincing evidence satisfactory to the Department that he/she has been rehabilitated and presently is of such good character as to justify being issued or maintaining a license, employment or residence in a licensed facility.

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- (d) To request a criminal record exemption, a licensee or license applicant must submit information that indicates that the individual meets the requirements of Section 87356(c)(4). The Department will notify the licensee or license applicant and the affected individual, in concurrent, separate notices, that the affected individual has a criminal conviction and needs to obtain a criminal record exemption.
- (1) The notice to the affected individual shall include a list of the conviction(s) that the Department is aware of at the time the notice is sent that must be addressed in an exemption request.
 - (2) The notice will list the information that must be submitted to request a criminal record exemption.
 - (3) The information must be submitted within forty-five (45) days of the date of the Department's notice.
 - (A) Individuals who submit a criminal record exemption request shall cooperate with the Department by providing any information requested by the Department, including, but not limited to, police reports and certified court documents to process the exemption request, pursuant to Section 87356(e).
 - (B) If the individual for whom the criminal record exemption is requested is an employee or resident other than a spouse or dependent family member and the licensee/license applicant does not submit the information listed in the Department's written notice within 45 days of the date of the notice, the Department may cease processing the exemption request and close the case.
 - (C) If the individual for whom the criminal record exemption is requested is an applicant, licensee, spouse or dependent family member and the licensee/license applicant does not submit the information listed in the Department's written notice within 45 days of the date of the notice, the Department may deny the exemption request.
 - (D) Individuals may request a criminal record exemption on their own behalf if the licensee or license applicant:
 1. Chooses not to request the exemption and
 2. Chooses not to employ or terminates the individual's employment after receiving notice of the individual's criminal history, or
 3. Removes the individual who resides in the facility after receiving notice of the individual's criminal history.

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- (e) The Department shall consider factors including, but not limited to, the following as evidence of good character and rehabilitation:
- (1) The nature of the crime including, but not limited to, whether it involved violence or a threat of violence to others.
 - (2) Period of time since the crime was committed and number of offenses.
 - (3) Circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime that would demonstrate the unlikelihood of repetition.
 - (4) Activities since conviction, such as employment or participation in therapy or education, that would indicate changed behavior.
 - (5) Granting by the Governor of a full and unconditional pardon.
 - (6) Character references.
 - (A) All character references shall be on a Reference Request form (LIC 301E - Exemptions [Rev. 7/03]).
 - (7) A certificate of rehabilitation from a superior court.
 - (8) Evidence of honesty and truthfulness as revealed in exemption application documents.
 - (A) Documents include, but are not limited to:
 1. A Criminal Record Statement (LIC 508, Criminal Record Statement [Rev. 1/03]) and
 2. The individual's written statement/explanation of the conviction and the circumstances about the arrest.
 - (9) Evidence of honesty and truthfulness as revealed in exemption application interviews and conversations with the Department.
- (f) The Department shall also consider the following factors in evaluating a request for an exemption:
- (1) Facility and type of association.
 - (2) The individual's age at the time the crime was committed.

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- (g) The Department may deny an exemption request if:
- (1) The licensee and/or the affected individual fails to provide documents requested by the Department, or
 - (2) The licensee and/or the affected individual fails to cooperate with the Department in the exemption process.
- (h) The reasons for any exemption granted or denied shall be in writing and kept by the Department.
- (1) Exemption denial notices shall specify the reason the exemption was denied.
- (i) The Department has the authority to grant a criminal record exemption that places conditions on the individual's continued licensure, and employment or presence in a licensed facility.
- (j) It shall be conclusive evidence that the individual is not of such good character as to justify issuance of an exemption if the individual:
- (1) Makes a knowingly false or misleading statement regarding:
 - (A) Material relevant to their application for a criminal record clearance or exemption,
 - (B) His or her criminal record clearance or exemption status to obtain employment or permission to be present in a licensed facility, after the Department has ordered that they be excluded from any or all licensed facilities, or
 - (C) His or her criminal record clearance or exemption status in order to obtain a position with duties that are prohibited to him/her by a conditional exemption; or
 - (2) Is on probation or parole.
 - (A) If the individual is currently on probation, and provides sufficient proof that the probationary period(s) is informal, unsupervised and no probation officer is assigned, the Department may, in its discretion, grant a criminal record exemption notwithstanding Section 87356(j)(2).
- (k) The Department shall consider granting a criminal record exemption if the individual's criminal history meets all of the applicable criteria specified in Sections 87356(k)(1) through (6) and the individual provides the Department with substantial and convincing evidence of good character as specified in Section 87356(c)(4). For purposes of this section, a violent crime is a crime that, upon evaluation of the code section violated and/or the reports regarding the underlying offense, presents a risk of harm or violence.

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- (1) The individual has been convicted of one nonviolent misdemeanor, and one year has lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration or probation.
 - (2) The individual has been convicted of two or more nonviolent misdemeanors and four consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest.
 - (3) The individual has been convicted of one or more violent misdemeanors and 15 consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest.
 - (4) The individual has been convicted of one nonviolent felony and four consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest.
 - (5) The individual has been convicted of two or more nonviolent felonies and ten consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest.
 - (6) The individual has not been convicted a violent felony.
 - (7) If the individual is currently on probation, and provides sufficient proof that the probationary period(s) is informal, unsupervised and no probation officer is assigned, the period of lapsed time required in Sections 87356(k)(1) through (5) above shall begin from the last date of conviction(s).
- (l) It shall be a rebuttable presumption that an individual is not of such good character as to justify the issuance of an exemption if the individual fails to meet the requirements specified in Sections 87356(k)(1) through (6).
- (m) The Department shall not grant an exemption if the individual has a conviction for any offense specified in section 1569.17(f)(1) of the Health and Safety Code.

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Health and Safety Code section 1569.17(f)(1) provides that no exemption shall be granted if an individual has been convicted of any of the following offenses:

- (1) Penal Code Sections 136.1 and 186.22 – Gang related/Intimidation of witnesses or victims.
- (2) Penal Code Sections 187, 190 through 190.4 and 192(a) – Any murder/Attempted murder/Voluntary manslaughter.
- (3) Penal Code Section 203 – Any mayhem.
- (4) Penal Code Section 206 - Felony torture.
- (5) Penal Code Sections 207, 208, 209, 209.5, 210 – Kidnapping.
- (6) Penal Code Sections 211, 212.5, 213, 214 – Any robbery.
- (7) Penal Code Section 215 – Carjacking.
- (8) Penal Code Section 220 – Assault with intent to commit mayhem, rape, sodomy or oral copulation.
- (9) Penal Code Section 243.4 – Sexual battery.
- (10) Penal Code Section 261(a), (a)(1), (2), (3), (4) or (6) – Rape.
- (11) Penal Code Section 262(a)(1) or (4) – Rape of a spouse.
- (12) Penal Code Section 264.1 – Rape in concert.
- (13) Penal Code Section 266 – Enticing a minor into prostitution.
- (14) Penal Code Section 266c – Induce to sexual intercourse, etc. by fear or consent through fraud.
- (15) Penal Code Section 266h(b) – Pimping a minor.
- (16) Penal Code Section 266i(b) – Pandering a minor.

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- (17) Penal Code Section 266j – Providing a minor under 16 for lewd or lascivious act.
- (18) Penal Code Section 267 – Abduction for prostitution.
- (19) Penal Code Section 269 – Aggravated assault of a child.
- (20) Penal Code Section 272 – Contributing to the delinquency of a minor (must involve lewd or lascivious conduct).
- (21) Penal Code Section 273a(a) [or 273a(1) if the conviction was prior to January 1, 1994] – Willfully causing or permitting any child to suffer under circumstances or conditions likely to produce great bodily harm or death.
- (22) Penal Code Section 273d – Willfully inflicting any cruel or inhuman corporal punishment or injury on a child.
- (23) Penal Code Section 285 – Incest.
- (24) Penal Code Section 286 – Sodomy.
- (25) Penal Code Section 288 – Lewd or lascivious act upon a child under 14.
- (26) Penal Code Section 288a – Oral copulation.
- (27) Penal Code Section 288.2 – Felony conviction for distributing lewd material to children.
- (28) Penal Code Section 288.5(a) – Continuous sexual abuse of a child.
- (29) Penal Code Section 289 – Genital or anal penetration or abuse by any foreign or unknown object.
- (30) Penal Code Section 290(a) – All crimes for which one must register as a sex offender including attempts and not guilty by insanity.
- (31) Penal Code Section 311.2(b), (c) or (d) – Transporting or distributing child-related pornography.
- (32) Penal Code Section 311.3 – Sexual exploitation of a child.

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- (33) Penal Code Section 311.4 – Using a minor to assist in making or distributing child pornography.
- (34) Penal Code Section 311.10 – Advertising or distributing child pornography.
- (35) Penal Code Section 311.11 – Possessing child pornography.
- (36) Penal Code Sections 314 paragraphs 1 or 2 – Lewd or obscene exposure of private parts.
- (37) Penal Code Section 347(a) – Poisoning or adulterating food, drink, medicine, pharmaceutical products, spring, well, reservoir or public water supply.
- (38) Penal Code Section 368– Elder or dependent adult abuse.
- (39) Penal Code Section 417(b) – Drawing, exhibiting or using a loaded firearm.
- (40) Penal Code Section 451(a) or (b) – Arson.
- (41) Penal Code Section 460(a) – First degree burglary if it is charged and proved that a non-accomplice was present in the residence during the burglary.
- (42) Penal Code Sections 186.22 and 518 – Gang related/Extortion.
- (43) Penal Code Section 647.6 or prior to 1988 former Section 647a – Annoy or molest a child under 18.
- (44) Penal Code Section 653f(c) – Solicit another to commit rape, sodomy, etc.
- (45) Penal Code Sections 664/187 – Any attempted murder.
- (46) Penal Code Section 667.5(c)(7) – Any felony punishable by death or imprisonment in the state prison for life.
- (47) Penal Code Section 667.5(c)(8) – Enhancement for any felony which inflicts great bodily injury.

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- (48) Penal Code Section 667.5(c)(13) – Enhancement for violation of Penal Code Section 12308, 12309 or 12310 – Exploding or igniting or attempting to explode or ignite any destructive device or explosive with intent to commit murder.
- (49) Penal Code Section 667.5(c)(14) - Any kidnapping – Penal Code Sections 207, 208, 209, 209.5 and 210.
- (50) Penal Code Section 667.5(c)(22) - Any violation of Penal Code Section 12022.53 – Enhancement for listed felonies where use of a firearm.
- (51) Penal Code Section 667.5(c)(23) – Use of weapon of mass destruction.
- (52) Business and Professions Code Section 729 – Felony sexual exploitation by a physician, psychotherapist, counselor, etc.

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- (n) The Department shall consider granting a simplified criminal record exemption if the individual has the criminal history profile outlined in Sections 87356(n)(1) through (4) below:
 - (1) The individual does not have a demonstrated pattern of criminal activity;
 - (2) The individual has no more than one conviction;
 - (3) The conviction is a misdemeanor and is a crime that is nonviolent and does not pose a risk of harm to an individual; and
 - (4) It has been at least five consecutive years since the completion of the most recent period of incarceration or supervised probation.
- (o) At the Department's discretion, an individual who is otherwise eligible for a simplified exemption may be required to go through the standard exemption process if the Department determines such action will help to protect the health and safety of clients.

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- (p) If the Department denies or cannot grant a criminal record exemption the Department shall:
- (1) For initial applicants, deny the application.
 - (2) For current licensees, the Department may institute an administrative action, including but not limited to, revocation of the license.
 - (3) For current employees, exclude the affected individual pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1569.58, deny the application or revoke the license if the individual continues to provide services and/or reside at the facility.
 - (4) For individuals residing in the facility or the licensee, exclude the affected individual pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1569.58, deny the application or revoke the license, if the individual continues to provide services and/or reside at the facility.
- (q) If a request for an exemption has been denied, the individual shall be excluded for a period of two years unless the individual has been convicted of a crime for which no exemption may be granted pursuant to Section 87356(m). If a request for an exemption has been denied based on a conviction of a crime for which no exemption may be granted, the individual shall be excluded for the remainder of the individual's life.
- (1) If the Department determines during the review of an exemption request, that the individual was denied an exemption for a conviction of a crime for which an exemption may be granted within the preceding two years, the Department shall cease any further review of the request until two years have elapsed from the date of the denial. In cases where the individual requested a hearing on an exemption denial, the Department shall cease review of the request for an exemption until two years from the effective date of the decision and order of the Department upholding the denial. In cases where the individual submitted a petition for reinstatement or reduction in penalty pursuant to Government Code Section 11522 that was denied, the Department shall cease review of the request for an exemption until two years from the effective date of the decision and order of the Department denying the petition.
 - (2) An exclusion order based solely upon a denied exemption shall remain in effect and the individual shall not be employed in or present in a licensed facility or certified home, unless either a petition or an exemption is granted.
 - (3) If an individual who has previously been denied an exemption re-applies after the relevant time period described in Section 87356(q)(1) above, the Department may, in accordance with the provisions in Section 87356 et seq., grant or deny the subsequent request for an exemption.

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- (4) If an individual submits a petition pursuant to Government Code section 11522 for reinstatement or reduction of penalty for an exclusion, an individual must submit his/her fingerprints through an electronic fingerprinting system approved by the Department and submit to the Department a statement of the reason why the individual should be permitted to work or be present in a facility, along with all information required of an individual requesting a criminal record exemption as provided in Section 87356. If it is determined, based upon information provided by the Department of Justice, that the individual has been convicted of a crime for which no exemption may be granted, the petition shall be denied. An individual's failure to submit fingerprints or other information as requested by the Department, shall be grounds for denial of the petition. The burden shall be on the petitioner to prove sufficient rehabilitation and good character to justify the granting of the petition.
- (r) A licensee or applicant for a license may request a transfer of a criminal record exemption from one state licensed facility to another by providing the following documents to the Department:
- (1) A signed Criminal Record Exemption Transfer Request, LIC 9188 (Rev. 9/03).
 - (2) A copy of the individual's:
 - (A) Driver's license, or
 - (B) Valid identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, or
 - (C) Valid photo identification issued by another state of the United States Government if the individual is not a California resident.
 - (3) Any other documentation required by the Department (e.g., LIC 508, Criminal Record Statement [Rev. 1/03] and job description).
 - (s) The Department may consider factors including, but not limited to, the following in determining whether or not to approve the transfer of an exemption from one facility to another:
 - (1) The basis on which the Department granted the exemption;
 - (2) The nature and frequency of client contact in the new position;
 - (3) The category of facility where the individual wishes to transfer;
 - (4) The type of clients in the facility where the individual wishes to transfer;

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- (5) Whether the exemption was appropriately evaluated and granted in accordance with existing exemption laws or regulations; or
- (6) Whether the exemption meets current exemption laws or regulations.
- (t) If the Department denies the individual's request to transfer a criminal record exemption, the Department shall provide the individual and the licensee with written notification that states the Department's decision and informs the affected individual of their right to an administrative hearing to contest the Department's decision.
- (u) At the Department's discretion, an exemption may be rescinded if it is determined that:
 - (1) The exemption was granted in error, or
 - (2) The exemption does not meet current exemption laws or regulations, or
 - (3) The conviction for which an exemption was granted subsequently becomes non-exemptible by law.
- (v) The Department may rescind an individual's criminal record exemption if the Department obtains evidence showing that the individual engaged in conduct which is inconsistent with the good character requirement of a criminal record exemption, as evidenced by factors including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Violations of licensing laws or regulations;
 - (2) Any conduct by the individual that indicates that the individual may pose a risk to the health and safety of any individual who is or may be a client;
 - (3) Nondisclosure of a conviction or evidence of lack of rehabilitation that the individual failed to disclose to the Department, even if it occurred before the exemption was issued; or
 - (4) The individual is convicted of a subsequent crime.
- (w) If the Department rescinds an exemption the Department shall:
 - (1) Notify the licensee and the affected individual in writing; and
 - (2) Initiate an administrative action.

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- (x) If the Department learns that an individual with a criminal record clearance or exemption has been convicted of a subsequent crime, the Department, at its sole discretion, may immediately initiate an administrative action to protect the health and safety of clients.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1569.30, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1569.17, Health and Safety Code; Gresher v. Anderson (2005) 127 Cal App. 4th 88.