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SAMPLE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of the following separate documents attached to this Authorization and certify that I have read and understood the attached documents before returning to this page to enter my signature below:

- DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION ON YOU;
- ADDITIONAL NOTICE REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORTS ON YOU;
- ADDITIONAL STATE LAW NOTICES;
- A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT.

By signing below, I authorize _____ (the “Company”) to obtain “**consumer reports**” and “**investigative consumer reports**” about me for employment purposes at any time during the hiring process and throughout my employment, if applicable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION NEEDED FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

Print: Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Other Names/Alias _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____

Driver’s License (if required by Employer): _____ State Issued: _____

Current Address (including City/State/Zip)

Additional Previous Address Within Last 7 Years (if any)

Additional Previous Address Within Last 7 Years (if any)

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

ADDITIONAL NOTICE REGARDING
INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORTS ON YOU

_____ (“the Company”) may also request an “investigative consumer report” on you from a consumer reporting agency.

An “investigative consumer report” is a background screening report generated through personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends or associates.

The consumer reporting agency that may prepare an “investigative consumer report” on you for the Company is American DataBank, 110 16th Street, 8th Fl., Denver, CO 80202; 1-800-200-0853. The information contained in an “investigative consumer report” may bear upon your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living.

Please be advised that the most common form of “investigative consumer report” that may be ordered by the Company is an investigation into your employment history. During such an investigation, American DataBank may ask questions about your employment history to certain knowledgeable individuals and provide response information to the Company.

Note: You have the right to request complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any “investigative consumer report” ordered by the Company on you. You may do so by contacting the Company or American DataBank.

ADDITIONAL STATE LAW NOTICES

If you live in, work in, or are seeking work for _____ (“the Company”) in Washington State, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Minnesota, Oklahoma, or California, please note the following information which we are required to provide to you:

State of Washington applicants/employees only: If the Company requests an investigative consumer report (as defined by state law) from a consumer reporting agency, you have the right to receive a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation requested by the Company. You also have the right to request a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Massachusetts applicants/employees only: If the Company requests an investigative consumer report (as defined by state law) from a consumer reporting agency, you have the right to have a copy of the report upon request.

New Jersey applicants/employees only: If the Company requests an investigative consumer report (as defined by state law) from a consumer reporting agency, you have the right to have a copy of the report upon request.

New York applicants/employees only: You have the right, upon written request, to be informed of whether or not an investigative consumer report (as defined by state law) was requested from a consumer reporting agency. If a report was requested, you will be provided with the name and address of the consumer reporting agency to whom the request was made. You may also inspect and receive a copy of the report by contacting American DataBank, 110 16th Street, 8th Fl., Denver, CO 80202; 1-800-200-0853. You are also now receiving (following the California notice on page 4) a copy of Article 23-A of the NY Correction Law.

Minnesota applicants/employees only: You have the right, upon written request, to receive a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the consumer report. A consumer reporting agency must make this disclosure within five (5) days of receipt of your request or of the Company’s request for the report, whichever is later. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company.

Oklahoma applicants/employees only: Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company.

California applicants/employees only: In addition to this document, you are receiving a copy of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW.

NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW

(For California Applicants / Employees Only)

_____ (“the Company”) intends to obtain information about you from an investigative consumer reporting agency for employment purposes. Thus, you can expect to be the subject of "investigative consumer reports" obtained for employment purposes. Such reports may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living. With respect to any investigative consumer report from an investigative consumer reporting agency ("ICRA"), the Company may investigate the information contained in your employment application and other background information about you, including but not limited to: your criminal history, sex offender registry status, driving history, education history, employment history, credit information, drug test results, and professional licenses. The Company may also obtain comments from individuals who are knowledgeable about you. These reports may be used as a factor in making employment decisions. The source of any investigative consumer report (as that term is defined under California law) will be American DataBank, 110 16th Street, 8th Fl., Denver, CO 80202; 1-800-200-0853. Information regarding American DataBank’s privacy practices (including information about whether any consumer personal information will be sent outside the U.S. or its territories) may be found at <https://www.americandatabank.com/consumer-information/privacy-policy/>.

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to find out from an ICRA what is in the ICRA’s file on you with proper identification, as follows:

- In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and upon reasonable notice. You also may request a copy of the information in person. The ICRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file.
- A summary of all information contained in the ICRA’s file on you which is required to be provided by the California Civil Code and will be provided to you via telephone, if you have made a written request with proper identification for telephone disclosure and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to you.
- By requesting a copy be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. ICRA’s complying with requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the ICRA’s.

"Proper Identification" includes documents such as a valid driver’s license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the ICRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity.

The ICRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection.

You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. An ICRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the ICRA to discuss your file in such person’s presence.

Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report (as defined by relevant state law) at no charge if one is obtained by the Company.

NEW YORK CORRECTION LAW - ARTICLE 23-A

LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL OFFENSES

§750. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Public agency" means the state or any local subdivision thereof, or any state or local department, agency, board or commission.
- (2) "Private employer" means any person, company, corporation, labor organization or association which employs ten or more persons.
- (3) "Direct relationship" means that the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on his fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the license, opportunity, or job in question.
- (4) "License" means any certificate, license, permit or grant of permission required by the laws of this state, its political subdivisions or instrumentalities as a condition for the lawful practice of any occupation, employment, trade, vocation, business, or profession. Provided, however, that "license" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include any license or permit to own, possess, carry, or fire any explosive, pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.
- (5) "Employment" means any occupation, vocation or employment, or any form of vocational or educational training. Provided, however, that "employment" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.

§751. Applicability.

The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person for a license or employment at any public or private employer, who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction, and to any license or employment held by any person whose conviction of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction preceded such employment or granting of a license, except where a mandatory forfeiture, disability or bar to employment is imposed by law, and has not been removed by an executive pardon, certificate of relief from disabilities or certificate of good conduct. Nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any right an employer may have with respect to an intentional misrepresentation in connection with an application for employment made by a prospective employee or previously made by a current employee.

§752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.

No application for any license or employment, and no employment or license held by an individual, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied or acted upon adversely by reason of the individual's having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a finding of lack of "good moral character" when such finding is based upon the fact that the individual has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:

- (1) There is a direct relationship between one or more of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license or employment sought or held by the individual; or
- (2) The issuance or continuation of the license or the granting or continuation of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

§753. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption.

1. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall consider the following factors:
 - (a) The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.
 - (b) The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought or held by the person.
 - (c) The bearing, if any, the criminal offense or offenses for which the person was previously convicted will have on his fitness or ability to perform one or more such duties or responsibilities.
 - (d) The time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
 - (e) The age of the person at the time of occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
 - (f) The seriousness of the offense or offenses.
 - (g) Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to his rehabilitation and good conduct.
 - (h) The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

2. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall also give consideration to a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct issued to the applicant, which certificate shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to the offense or offenses specified therein.

§754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment.

At the request of any person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses who has been denied a license or employment, a public agency or private employer shall provide, within thirty days of a request, a written statement setting forth the reasons for such denial.

§755. Enforcement.

1. In relation to actions by public agencies, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by a proceeding brought pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.
2. In relation to actions by private employers, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the division of human rights pursuant to the powers and procedures set forth in article fifteen of the executive law, and, concurrently, by the New York city commission on human rights.

**Effective February 1, 2009, employers must post a copy of the Correction Law relating to the use of prior convictions.*