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1            AN ACT Relating to security guards; and amending RCW 18.170.010.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.170.010 and 1991 c 334 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5            Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
6 this section apply throughout this chapter.

7            (1) "Armed private security guard" means a private security guard  
8 who has a current firearms certificate issued by the commission and is  
9 licensed as an armed private security guard under this chapter.

10           (2) "Armored vehicle guard" means a person who transports in an  
11 armored vehicle under armed guard, from one place to another place,  
12 valuables, jewelry, currency, documents, or any other item that  
13 requires secure delivery.

14           (3) "Burglar alarm response runner" means a person employed by a  
15 private security company to respond to burglar alarm system signals.

16           (4) "Burglar alarm system" means a device or an assembly of  
17 equipment and devices used to detect or signal unauthorized intrusion,  
18 movement, or exit at a protected premises, other than in a vehicle, to  
19 which police or private security guards are expected to respond.

1 (5) "Chief law enforcement officer" means the elected or appointed  
2 police administrator of a municipal, county, or state police or  
3 sheriff's department that has full law enforcement powers in its  
4 jurisdiction.

5 (6) "Commission" means the criminal justice training commission  
6 established in chapter 43.101 RCW.

7 (7) "Department" means the department of licensing.

8 (8) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing.

9 (9) "Employer" includes any individual, firm, corporation,  
10 partnership, association, company, society, manager, contractor,  
11 subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent of any of  
12 the foregoing that employs or seeks to enter into an arrangement to  
13 employ any person as a private security guard.

14 (10) "Firearms certificate" means the certificate issued by the  
15 commission.

16 (11) "Licensee" means a person granted a license required by this  
17 chapter.

18 (12) "Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation,  
19 partnership, association, company, society, manager, contractor,  
20 subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent or employee  
21 of any of the foregoing.

22 (13) "Principal corporate officer" means the president, vice-  
23 president, treasurer, secretary, comptroller, or any other person who  
24 performs the same functions for the corporation as performed by these  
25 officers.

26 (14) "Private security company" means a person or entity licensed  
27 under this chapter and engaged in the business of providing the  
28 services of private security guards on a contractual basis.

29 (15) "Private security guard" means an individual who is licensed  
30 under this chapter and principally employed as or typically referred to  
31 as one of the following:

32 (a) Security officer or guard;

33 (b) Patrol or merchant patrol service officer or guard;

34 (c) Armed escort or bodyguard;

35 (d) Armored vehicle guard;

36 (e) Burglar alarm response runner; or

37 (f) Crowd control officer or guard.

1 (16) "Qualifying agent" means an officer or manager of a  
2 corporation who meets the requirements set forth in this chapter for  
3 obtaining a license to own or operate a private security company.

4 (17) "Sworn peace officer" means a person who is an employee of, or  
5 who is a reserve or volunteer law enforcement officer commissioned by,  
6 the federal government, the state, a political subdivision, agency, or  
7 department branch of a municipality, or other unit of local government,  
8 and has law enforcement powers.

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