

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6257

As Passed Senate, March 7, 2006

Title: An act relating to security guard licenses.

Brief Description: Exempting guest services or crowd management employees from the requirements of chapter 18.170 RCW.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senator Delvin).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 1/24/06 [DPS].
Passed Senate: 2/7/06, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6257 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Parlette, Ranking Minority Member; Brown, Honeyford and Keiser.

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Background: A private security guard is an individual who is licensed and principally employed as a security officer or guard, patrol guard, armed escort, armored vehicle guard, burglar response runner, or crowd control officer or guard.

The following persons are exempt from security guard licensing: a person who is employed exclusively or regularly by one employer and performs the duties of a private security guard; a sworn peace officer while engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties; and a sworn peace officer while employed to engage in off-duty employment as a private security guard.

Summary of Bill: Guest services or crowd management employees who do not perform the duties of a security officer are exempt from security guard licensing.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The security guard licensing statute was never meant to cover guests services or crowd management employees. They do not function as security guards but rather

as ushers at concerts, etc. The Department of Licensing is aware of this bill and has no objections.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Senator Delvin, prime sponsor.

House Amendment: The floor amendment makes a technical change to clarify that the exemption applies to those guest services or crowd management employees who do not perform the duties of a "private security guard" (instead of a "security officer"), and deletes the emergency clause.