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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, DeBolt, Lovick, Conway, Green, Hudgins and Kenney)

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1 AN ACT Relating to security guard training; amending RCW
2 18.170.010; adding a new section to chapter 18.170 RCW; and repealing
3 RCW 18.170.100.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.170.010 and 2004 c 50 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
8 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

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

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

18 (4) "Burglar alarm system" means a device or an assembly of

1 equipment and devices used to detect or signal unauthorized intrusion,
2 movement, or exit at a protected premises, other than in a vehicle, to
3 which police or private security guards are expected to respond.

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

8 (6) "Classroom instruction" means instruction or training that
9 takes place in a setting where individuals receiving training are
10 assembled together and learn through lectures, study papers, class
11 discussion, textbook study, or other means of organized formal
12 education techniques, such as video, closed circuit, or other forms of
13 electronic means, and as distinguished from on-the-job education or
14 training.

15 (7) "Commission" means the criminal justice training commission
16 established in chapter 43.101 RCW.

17 (8) "Department" means the department of licensing.

18 (9) "Department-certified trainer" includes any person who has been
19 approved by the department by receiving a passing score on a
20 department-administered examination, to administer, test, or certify
21 training requirements have been met.

22 (10) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing.

23 ~~((+10))~~ (11) "Employer" includes any individual, firm,
24 corporation, partnership, association, company, society, manager,
25 contractor, subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent
26 of any of the foregoing that employs or seeks to enter into an
27 arrangement to employ any person as a private security guard.

28 ~~((+11))~~ (12) "Firearms certificate" means the certificate issued
29 by the commission.

30 ~~((+12))~~ (13) "Initial postassignment training" means eight hours
31 of training that occurs consistent with section 2 of this act in either
32 an assisted field environment or in a classroom instruction setting, or
33 both.

34 (14) "Instruction" means the preassignment or postassignment
35 training that takes place in either an on-the-job or classroom setting,
36 or other means of formal education techniques, such as video, closed
37 circuit, internet, or other forms of electronic means.

1 (15) "Licensee" means a person granted a license required by this
2 chapter.

3 ~~((13))~~ (16) "Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation,
4 partnership, association, company, society, manager, contractor,
5 subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent or employee
6 of any of the foregoing.

7 ~~((14))~~ (17) "Postassignment or on-the-job training" means
8 training that occurs in either an assisted field environment or in a
9 classroom instruction setting, or both. Postassignment or on-the-job
10 training must be in the topic areas established by the director and may
11 occur in a classroom instruction setting, in the field, or a
12 combination of the two. A department-certified trainer need not report
13 postassignment or on-the-job training. However, a department-certified
14 trainer must attest in writing that the training occurred.

15 ~~((15))~~ (18) "Postassignment refresher training" means four hours
16 of annual refresher training that occurs each year following the last
17 required date the postassignment training requirement occurred under
18 section 2 of this act.

19 (19) "Preassignment training" means ~~((the classroom training~~
20 ~~completed prior to being assigned to work independently))~~ a total of
21 eight hours of preassignment training, comprised of four hours of
22 classroom instruction, and an additional four hours of either classroom
23 instruction or on-the-job training.

24 ~~((16))~~ (20) "Principal corporate officer" means the president,
25 vice-president, treasurer, secretary, comptroller, or any other person
26 who performs the same functions for the corporation as performed by
27 these officers.

28 ~~((17))~~ (21) "Private security company" means a person or entity
29 licensed under this chapter and engaged in the business of providing
30 the services of private security guards on a contractual basis.

31 ~~((18))~~ (22) "Private security guard" means an individual who is
32 licensed under this chapter and principally employed as or typically
33 referred to as one of the following:

34 (a) Security officer or guard;

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

36 (c) Armed escort or bodyguard;

37 (d) Armored vehicle guard;

38 (e) Burglar alarm response runner; or

1 (f) Crowd control officer or guard.

2 ((+19+)) (23) "Qualifying agent" means an officer or manager of a
3 corporation who meets the requirements set forth in this chapter for
4 obtaining a license to own or operate a private security company.

5 ((+20+)) (24) "Sworn peace officer" means a person who is an
6 employee of the federal government, the state, a political subdivision,
7 agency, or department branch of a municipality, or other unit of local
8 government, and has law enforcement powers.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.170 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) To promote the safety of persons and the security of property,
12 the director shall meet with interested parties to develop lists of
13 suggested preassignment, postassignment, and postassignment refresher
14 training by rule.

15 (2) All security guards licensed on or after July 1, 2005, must
16 complete at least eight hours of preassignment training.

17 (3)(a) All security guards licensed on or after July 1, 2005, must
18 complete at least eight hours of initial postassignment training that
19 shall be administered to each security guard by their company and
20 attested to by a department-certified trainer. Security guards who
21 received their temporary security guard registration card on or before
22 the effective date of this act must receive their initial
23 postassignment training before June 30, 2008. Security guards who
24 received their temporary security guard registration card after the
25 effective date of this act must receive their initial postassignment
26 training as specified in subsection (2) of this section and (b) and (c)
27 of this subsection.

28 (b) Security guards licensed between January 1st and June 30th of
29 any calendar year may receive eight hours of postassignment training
30 any time between the day following the issuance of a temporary security
31 guard registration card with their company and June 30th of the year
32 following initial issuance of their license by the department.

33 (c) Security guards initially licensed between July 1st and
34 December 31st of any calendar year may receive eight hours of
35 postassignment training at any time between the day following the
36 issuance of a temporary security guard registration card with their

1 company and December 31st of the year following initial issuance of
2 their security guard license by the department.

3 (4) Following completion of the preassignment and postassignment
4 training, at least four total hours of annual postassignment refresher
5 training shall be administered to security guards each subsequent year.
6 The subsequent year begins, for postassignment refresher training
7 purposes, the day following the last date the security guard is
8 required to receive the initial eight hours of postassignment training,
9 and meets the following requirements:

10 (a) No more than one hour per year of postassignment refresher
11 training may focus directly on customer service related skills or
12 topics.

13 (b) Consistent with subsection (1) of this section, the remaining
14 three hours per year of postassignment refresher training must focus on
15 emergency response concepts, skills, or topics including but not
16 limited to knowledge of site post orders or life safety.

17 (5) A company may waive the eight hours of preassignment training
18 for security guards already licensed who transfer from another company,
19 if the security guard presents appropriate training records signed by
20 a department-certified trainer from the previous company, or a signed
21 affidavit that the individual has already completed the required
22 preassignment training provided by his or her previous company or if
23 the individual has been a sworn peace officer within the past five
24 years and successfully passes the examination typically provided by the
25 department to applicants at the conclusion of preassignment training.

26 (6) The director shall require companies to maintain records
27 regarding the training hours completed by each employee. All such
28 records are subject to inspection by the department. The training
29 requirements and test results must be recorded and attested to as
30 appropriate by a certified trainer. Training records must contain a
31 description of the topics covered, the name and signature of the
32 trainer, and the name and signature of the security guard.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.170.100 (Training and testing
34 requirements) and 2004 c 50 s 2, 1995 c 277 s 7, & 1991 c 334 s 10 are
35 each repealed.

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