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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 (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 must complete at least eight hours of  
18 initial postassignment training that shall be administered to each  
19 security guard by their company and attested to by a department-  
20 certified trainer.

21 (b) Security guards licensed between January 1st and June 30th of  
22 any calendar year may receive eight hours of postassignment training  
23 any time between the day following the issuance of a temporary security  
24 guard registration card by the department with their company and June  
25 30th of the year following initial issuance of their license.

26 (c) Security guards initially licensed between July 1st and  
27 December 31st of any calendar year may receive eight hours of  
28 postassignment training at any time between the day following the  
29 issuance of a temporary security guard registration card by the  
30 department with their company and December 31st of the year following  
31 initial issuance of their security guard license.

32 (4) Following completion of the preassignment and postassignment  
33 training, at least four total hours of annual postassignment refresher  
34 training shall be administered to security guards each subsequent year.  
35 The subsequent year begins, for postassignment refresher training  
36 purposes, the day following the last date the security guard is

1 required to receive the initial eight hours of postassignment training,  
2 and meets the following requirements:

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

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

10 (5) A company may waive the eight hours of initial postassignment  
11 training for security guards already licensed who transfer from another  
12 company, if the security guard presents appropriate training records  
13 signed by a department-certified trainer from the previous company, or  
14 a signed affidavit that the individual has already completed the  
15 required postassignment training provided by his or her previous  
16 company or if the individual has been a sworn law enforcement officer  
17 within the past five years and successfully passes the examination  
18 typically administered by the department to applicants at the  
19 conclusion of preassignment training.

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

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

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