

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1988**

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2007 Regular Session

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1988** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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

READ FIRST TIME 2/28/07.

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)~~) 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)~~) individual instruction.

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" means any person who has been  
19 approved by the department by receiving a passing score on a  
20 department-administered examination, to administer department-provided  
21 examinations and attest that training or testing requirements have been  
22 met.

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

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

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

31 (~~(+12)~~) (13) "Individual instruction" means training that takes  
32 place either on-the-job or through formal education techniques, such as  
33 video, closed circuit, internet, or other forms of electronic means,  
34 and as distinguished from classroom instruction.

35 (14) "Licensee" means a person granted a license required by this  
36 chapter.

37 (~~(+13)~~) (15) "Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation,

1 partnership, association, company, society, manager, contractor,  
2 subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent or employee  
3 of any of the foregoing.

4 ~~((14) "Postassignment or on the job training" means training that  
5 occurs in either an assisted field environment or in a classroom  
6 instruction setting, or both.~~

7 ~~(15) "Preassignment training" means the classroom training  
8 completed prior to being assigned to work independently.))~~

9 (16) "Principal corporate officer" means the president, vice-  
10 president, treasurer, secretary, comptroller, or any other person who  
11 performs the same functions for the corporation as performed by these  
12 officers.

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

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

- 19 (a) Security officer or guard;
- 20 (b) Patrol or merchant patrol service officer or guard;
- 21 (c) Armed escort or bodyguard;
- 22 (d) Armored vehicle guard;
- 23 (e) Burglar alarm response runner; or
- 24 (f) Crowd control officer or guard.

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

28 (20) "Sworn peace officer" means a person who is an employee of the  
29 federal government, the state, a political subdivision, agency, or  
30 department branch of a municipality, or other unit of local government,  
31 and has law enforcement powers.

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

34 (1) To promote the safety of persons and the security of property,  
35 the director shall meet with interested parties to develop lists of  
36 suggested preassignment, postassignment, and postassignment refresher  
37 training by rule.

1 (2) All security guards licensed on or after July 1, 2005, must  
2 complete at least eight hours of preassignment training, comprised of  
3 at least four hours of classroom instruction and an additional four  
4 hours of classroom instruction or individual instruction, or both. The  
5 preassignment training may be waived for any individual who was most  
6 recently employed full time as a sworn peace officer not more than five  
7 years prior to applying to become licensed as a private security guard  
8 and who passes the examination typically administered to applicants at  
9 the conclusion of the preassignment training.

10 (3)(a) All security guards licensed on or after July 1, 2005, must  
11 complete at least eight hours of initial postassignment training that  
12 shall be administered to each security guard. The initial  
13 postassignment training must be in the topic areas established by the  
14 director and may be classroom instruction or individual instruction, or  
15 both. A company may waive the initial postassignment training for  
16 security guards already licensed who transfer from another company, if  
17 the security guard presents appropriate training records signed by a  
18 department-certified trainer from the previous company, or a signed  
19 affidavit that the individual has already completed the required  
20 initial postassignment training provided by his or her previous  
21 company.

22 (b) Security guards who received their temporary security guard  
23 registration card on or before the effective date of this act must  
24 receive their initial postassignment training before June 30, 2008.  
25 Security guards who received their temporary security guard  
26 registration card after the effective date of this act must receive  
27 their initial postassignment training as specified in (c) and (d) of  
28 this subsection.

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

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

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

3 (4) Following completion of the preassignment and postassignment  
4 training, at least four total hours of annual refresher training shall  
5 be administered to security guards each subsequent year. The  
6 subsequent year begins, for refresher training purposes, the day  
7 following the last date the security guard is required to receive the  
8 eight hours of initial postassignment training. No more than one hour  
9 per year of annual refresher training may focus directly on customer  
10 service related skills or topics and the remaining three hours per year  
11 of annual refresher training must focus on emergency response concepts,  
12 skills, or topics including but not limited to knowledge of site post  
13 orders or life safety.

14 (5) Companies must maintain records regarding the training hours  
15 completed by each employee. All such records are subject to inspection  
16 by the department. The training requirements and test results must be  
17 recorded and attested to by a department-certified trainer. Training  
18 records must contain a description of the topics covered, the name and  
19 signature of the trainer, and the name and signature of the security  
20 guard.

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

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