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By Representative Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to security guards; and amending RCW 18.170.010 and
2 18.170.020.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (4) "Burglar alarm system" means a device or an assembly of
18 equipment and devices used to detect or signal unauthorized intrusion,

1 movement, or exit at a protected premises, other than in a vehicle, to
2 which police or private security guards are expected to respond.

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

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

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

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

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

16 (10) "Firearms certificate" means the certificate issued by the
17 commission.

18 (11) "Licensee" means a person granted a license required by this
19 chapter.

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

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

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

31 (15) "Private security guard" means an individual who is licensed
32 under this chapter and ~~((principally employed as or))~~ typically
33 referred to as a security officer or guard, patrol or merchant patrol
34 service officer or guard, armed escort or bodyguard, armored vehicle
35 guard, burglar alarm response runner, or crowd control officer and who
36 is principally employed in the performance of at least one of the
37 following:

38 (a) ~~((Security officer or guard;~~

39 (b) ~~Patrol or merchant patrol service officer or guard;~~

1 ~~(c) Armed escort or bodyguard;~~
2 ~~(d) Armored vehicle guard;~~
3 ~~(e) Burglar alarm response runner; or~~
4 ~~(f) Crowd control officer or guard))~~ The observation and reporting
5 of any unlawful activity;

6 (b) The prevention of theft or misappropriation of any goods,
7 money, or other items of value;

8 (c) The protection of individuals or property, including, but not
9 limited to, proprietary information, from harm or misappropriation;

10 (d) The control of access to premises being protected;

11 (e) The secure movement of prisoners;

12 (f) The maintenance of order and safety at athletic, entertainment,
13 or other public activities; or

14 (g) Providing canine services for guarding premises or for the
15 detection of unlawful devices or substances.

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

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

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.170.020 and 1991 c 334 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 The requirements of this chapter do not apply to:

26 (1) A person who is employed exclusively or regularly by one
27 employer and performs the functions of a private security guard solely
28 in connection with the affairs of that employer, if the employer is not
29 a private security company;

30 (2) A sworn peace officer while engaged in the performance of the
31 officer's official duties; ~~((or))~~

32 (3) A sworn peace officer while employed by any person to engage in
33 off-duty employment as a private security guard, but only if the
34 employment is approved by the chief law enforcement officer of the
35 jurisdiction where the employment takes place and the sworn peace
36 officer does not employ, contract with, or broker for profit other
37 persons to assist him or her in performing the duties related to his or
38 her private employer; or

1 (4) A person performing crowd management or guest services
2 including, but not limited to, a person described as a ticket taker,
3 usher, customer service representative, or parking attendant, who is
4 not armed, and who is not principally engaged in the performance of
5 duties described in RCW 18.170.010.

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