
HOUSE BILL 2657

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

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
7 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context
8 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 that takes place in
9 a setting where individuals receiving training are seated and learn
10 through lectures, study papers, class discussion, textbook study, or
11 other means of organized formal education techniques, such as video,
12 closed circuit, or other forms of electronic means, and as
13 distinguished from on-the-job education or training.

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

16 (~~(7)~~) (8) "Department" means the department of licensing.

17 (~~(8)~~) (9) "Director" means the director of the department of
18 licensing.

19 (~~(9)~~) (10) "Employer" includes any individual, firm, corporation,
20 partnership, association, company, society, manager, contractor,
21 subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent of any of
22 the foregoing that employs or seeks to enter into an arrangement to
23 employ any person as a private security guard.

24 (~~(10)~~) (11) "Firearms certificate" means the certificate issued
25 by the commission.

26 (~~(11)~~) (12) "Licensee" means a person granted a license required
27 by this chapter.

28 (~~(12)~~) (13) "Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation,
29 partnership, association, company, society, manager, contractor,
30 subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent or employee
31 of any of the foregoing.

32 (~~(13)~~) (14) "Postassignment or on-the-job training" means
33 training that occurs in either an assisted field environment or in a
34 classroom instruction setting, or both.

35 (15) "Preassignment training" means the classroom training
36 completed prior to being assigned work independently.

37 (16) "Principal corporate officer" means the president, vice-

1 president, treasurer, secretary, comptroller, or any other person who
2 performs the same functions for the corporation as performed by these
3 officers.

4 ~~((14))~~ (17) "Private security company" means a person or entity
5 licensed under this chapter and engaged in the business of providing
6 the services of private security guards on a contractual basis.

7 ~~((15))~~ (18) "Private security guard" means an individual who is
8 licensed under this chapter and principally employed as or typically
9 referred to as one of the following:

- 10 (a) Security officer or guard;
- 11 (b) Patrol or merchant patrol service officer or guard;
- 12 (c) Armed escort or bodyguard;
- 13 (d) Armored vehicle guard;
- 14 (e) Burglar alarm response runner; or
- 15 (f) Crowd control officer or guard.

16 ~~((16))~~ (19) "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))~~ (20) "Sworn peace officer" means a person who is an
20 employee of the federal government, the state, a political subdivision,
21 agency, or department branch of a municipality, or other unit of local
22 government, and has law enforcement powers.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.170.100 and 1995 c 277 s 7 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) The director shall adopt rules establishing preassignment or
26 postassignment or on-the-job training and testing requirements(~~(~~
27 ~~which))~~. Eight hours of preassignment training is required, and shall
28 include a minimum of four hours of ((classes)) classroom instruction
29 and four hours of either classroom or on-the-job training, or both. A
30 department certified trainer must report the preassignment training to
31 the department. The director may establish, by rule, (~~continuing~~
32 ~~education)) training requirements for private security guards.~~

33 (2) Postassignment or on-the-job training must include a minimum of
34 eight hours of training, of which four hours must be completed within
35 six months from the date a private security guard license is issued by
36 the director and four hours completed within twelve months from the
37 date a private security guard license is issued by the department.

1 Postassignment or on-the-job training must be in the topic areas
2 established by the director and may occur either in a classroom setting
3 or in the field, or both. A department certified trainer need not
4 report postassignment or on-the-job training. However, a department-
5 certified trainer must attest in writing that the training occurred.
6 The number of postassignment training hours must be increased by one
7 hour on January 1st of every year until January 1, 2011.

8 (3) The director shall require companies to maintain records
9 regarding the postassignment training hours completed by each employee.
10 All such records are subject to inspection by the department. The
11 training requirements and test results must be recorded and attested to
12 as appropriate by a certified trainer.

13 (4) The director shall consult with the private security industry
14 and law enforcement before adopting or amending the ((preassignment))
15 training ((or continuing education)) requirements of this section.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.170 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The director has the authority to negotiate reciprocity agreements
19 with other states allowing licensed security officers from Washington
20 to work in those other states.

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