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HB No. 1148

Abstract: Changes the definition of "security officer", allows a peace officer to contract directly with a customer for off-duty security services, and repeals an exception from regulation for an employee of the 4th Judicial District.

Present law (Private Security Regulatory and Licensing Law) provides for regulation of private security and the private security business by the La. State Board of Private Security Examiners. Provides for the definition of "security officer" as an individual principally employed by a contract security company to protect persons and/or property and whose duties include various activities including the control, regulation, or direction of the flow or movement of the public, except on the public streets, whether by vehicle, on foot, or otherwise. Provides that the regulatory provisions do not apply to certain persons, including a peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency who contracts directly with an employer to work during his off-duty hours and whose employment is conducted on an independent contractor basis with the employer.

Proposed law makes changes to the present law definition of "security officer" by deleting the requirement that the person be "principally" employed by a contract security company and removes the exception that prevents the security officer from controlling the regulation, or direction of the flow or movements of the public on the public street, thus allowing the security officer to control movement on a public street, whether by vehicle or on foot.

Proposed law changes present law exception from regulation for peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency who contracts directly with a customer, instead of an employer, to work during his off-duty hours and who contracts with the customer as an independent contractor.

Proposed law repeals present law specific exception from regulation for a peace officer or contract security business owned by a peace officer who is employed by the 4th Judicial District and who has off-duty employment with a private security business.

(Amends R.S. 37:3272(A)(18)(intro. para.) and (h) and 3298(B); Repeals R.S. 37:3298(D))