

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

PRIVATE SECURITY. Provides relative to the regulation of private security.

DIGEST

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.

Proposed law changes present law exception from regulation for peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency who contracts directly with an employer to peace officers who contract with a licensed contract security company or a consumer of security services to work during his off-duty hours.

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 3298(B); repeals R.S. 37:3298(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

- 1. Replaced present law exception that prevents the security officer from controlling the regulation or direction of the flow or movement of the public on the public street.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the engrossed bill

- 1. Adds an additional exemption for a peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency to contract with a licensed contract security company.