

Existing 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.

Prior law defined "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. Provided 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.

New law makes changes to the prior law definition of "security officer" by deleting the requirement that the person be "principally" employed by a contract security company.

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

New law repeals prior 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.

Effective August 1, 2012.

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