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HOUSE BILL NO. 551

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3276(F) and (G), 3278, and 3284(B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (d), and (4) and (D)(2) and to enact R.S. 37:3284(B)(5) and 3299, relative to the Private Security Regulatory and Licensing Law; to make changes to when a person in the private security business can solicit business; to require all applicants to successfully pass an examination; to provide relative to training requirements; to require reports to be filed by certain persons upon discharging a weapon; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:3276(F) and (G), 3278, and 3284(B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (d), and (4) and (D)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:3284(B)(5) and 3299 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3276. Qualifications of licensee

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~~F. Every person in the private security business shall apply to the board for a license prior to operating a business or soliciting business in Louisiana.~~

~~G. An applicant and/or or~~ qualifying agent for a security business shall have three ~~years~~ years of consecutive experience as an employee, manager, or owner of a security company, or three ~~years~~ years of experience as a law enforcement officer with any federal, state, local, or United States military law enforcement agency.

G. An applicant is prohibited from soliciting or operating a private security business prior to being issued a license.

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1 §3278. Examination

2 A. The board shall determine the scope, form, and content of the
3 examinations for licensure. The examination, which shall be written, shall test the
4 applicant's knowledge of the private security business and his ability to apply that
5 knowledge and to assume responsible charge in the practice of private security.

6 B. All applicants for licensure, regardless of whether the applicant holds a
7 valid license in a state which has comparable licensing requirements, are required to
8 successfully pass the examination for licensure.

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10 §3284. Training of security officers; requirements

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12 B.(1) Any security officer employed after the effective date of this Chapter
13 shall complete, within thirty days of his first work assignment, either eight hours of
14 classroom training or an approved curriculum-based training course under a licensed
15 instructor and successfully pass an examination on the prescribed material which
16 shall include the following topics:

17 (a) Orientation to R.S. 37:3270 through ~~3298~~ 3299 and the board's rules and
18 regulations: ~~two hours~~.

19 (b) Legal powers and limitations of a security officer: ~~two hours~~.

20 (c) Emergency procedures: ~~two hours~~.

21 (d) General duties/field notes/report writing: ~~two hours~~.

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23 (4) Security officers shall have sixty days from the date of the first work
24 assignment to complete either an additional eight hours of classroom training or an
25 approved curriculum-based training course under a licensed instructor, as prescribed
26 by the board, and successfully pass a fifty-question test administered by the licensed
27 instructor by achieving a minimum score of seventy percent.

1 (5) No more than two of the training requirements provided for in
2 Paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of this Subsection may be conducted during a twenty-
3 four-hour period.

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5 D.

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7 (2) Upon a registrant's completion of any training required, the ~~licensee or~~
8 ~~employer, as the case may be,~~ licensed instructor shall furnish to the board a
9 documented training verification form of such completion signed by a licensed
10 instructor within fifteen calendar days from ~~said~~ the training.

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12 §3299. Discharge of firearms

13 A. An employee of a security company who discharges a weapon while on
14 duty or traveling to or from duty shall complete and file a board-provided weapons
15 discharge report with the board within seventy-two hours of discharging the weapon.

16 B. An instructor or trainee who discharges a weapon for any other reason
17 than range qualification during firearms training and range qualifications shall
18 complete and file a board-provided weapons discharge report with the board within
19 seventy-two hours of discharging the weapon.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____