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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to ease the burden currently besetting security guards or watchmen.

First, it provides for a study now pay later scheme for security guards, watchmen and even private detectives who may opt, or are mandated, to finish the security management specialist course offered by public and private institutions which are government accredited to conduct police and security training.

And second, it extends the validity of every security guard's required security license under Republic Act No. 5487 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

In view of the foregoing and in deference to the uniqueness of a security guard's job which principally involves risk of life and limb, early passage of this proposed measure is submitted.

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AN ACT  
AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, AS AMENDED,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           **SECTION 1.** Section 5 of Republic Act (RA) No. 5487, amended, is hereby further  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           **“Section 5. Qualifications Required.** No person shall be employed as  
4 security guard or watchman or private detective unless he is: (a) a  
5 Filipino citizen; (b) a high school graduate; (c) physically and mentally  
6 fit; (d) not less than 21 nor more than 50 years of age; (e) at least 5 feet  
7 and 4 inches in height; and (f) suffering none of the disqualifications  
8 provided for in the preceding section: Provided, That foreigners who are  
9 already employed as watchmen or security guards prior to the approval  
10 of this Act shall not be subject to the above-mentioned requirements:  
11 Provided, further, That veterans shall be given priority in employment as  
12 security guard, watchman or private detective: [And] provided,  
13 **MOREOVER** [finally], That person convicted of any crime involving  
14 moral turpitude shall not be employed as security guard, watchman or  
15 private detective: **AND PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT A**  
16 **SECURITY GUARD OR WATCHMAN OR PRIVATE**  
17 **DETECTIVE, WHO OPTS OR IS MANDATED PURSUANT TO**  
18 **EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO UNDERGO AND**  
19 **FINISH THE SECURITY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST**  
20 **COURSE, SHALL BE GRANTED A STUDY NOW PAY LATER**  
21 **SCHEME OR PROGRAM BY ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE**  
22 **TRAINING INSTITUTIONS OR SYSTEM DULY RECOGNIZED**  
23 **BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT PRIVATE SECURITY**  
24 **OR POLICE TRAINING.”**

25           **SEC. 2.** Section 6 of RA No. 5487, as amended, is likewise further amended to  
26 read as follows:

27           **“Section 6. License Necessary.** No person shall engage in the business  
28 of, or act either as a private detective, or detective agency; and either  
29 engage in the occupation, calling or employment of watchman or in the  
30 business of watchman's agency without first having obtained the  
31 necessary permit from the Chief, Philippine Constabulary which permit

1 as approved is prerequisite in obtaining a license or license certificate:  
2 Provided, That all existing private detective or watchman or security  
3 guard agencies shall have a period of one (1) year from the approval of  
4 this Act to secure the said license: Provided, further, That existing  
5 agencies, and any new agency which may hereafter apply for a license,  
6 certify under oath that their private detectives, watchmen or security  
7 guards, have received the appropriate training from either the Philippine  
8 Constabulary, the National Bureau of Investigation, any local police  
9 department, or any other public institution duly recognized by the  
10 government to conduct police training.

11 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR ITS**  
12 **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO THE**  
13 **CONTRARY, THE APPROPRIATE SECURITY LICENSE**  
14 **GRANTED TO A SECURITY GUARD OR WATCHMAN SHALL**  
15 **BE VALID FOR AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE**  
16 **DATE OF ITS ISSUANCE. SECURITY LICENSES ISSUED**  
17 **PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL CEASE**  
18 **TO BE VALID ON ITS ORIGINAL DATE OF EXPIRY.”**

19 **SEC. 3.** All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instructions, executive orders,  
20 rules and regulations insofar as they are consistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or  
21 amended as the case may be.

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23 **SEC. 4.** In case any provision of this Act or any portion hereof is declared  
24 unconstitutional by a competent court, other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

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26 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
27 Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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29 *Approved,*