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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:

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

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

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

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THE APPRORIATE SECURITY LICENSE GRANTED TO A SECURITY GUARD OR WATCHMAN SHALL BE VALID FOR AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ITS ISSUANCE. SECURITY LICENSES ISSUED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL CEASE TO BE VALID ON ITS ORIGINAL DATE OF EXPIRY."

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

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

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

Approved,