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By Mr. LoPresti, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1771) of Michael LoPresti for legislation to further regulate security guards, security agencies and security schools and to establish a commission to promulgate rules and regulations relative to their qualifications. Public Safety.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING SECURITY GUARDS, SECURITY AGENCIES AND SECURITY SCHOOLS AND ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 22 of chapter 147 of the General Laws,  
2 as amended by chapter 802 of the acts of 1960, is hereby fur-  
3 ther amended by striking out the definition of "watch, guard  
4 or patrol agency", and inserting in place thereof the following  
5 definition: — watch, security guard, security agency, security  
6 school or patrol agency, the business of watch, security guard,  
7 security agency, security school or patrol agency including  
8 the furnishing for hire or reward, of watchmen, security  
9 guards, security agencies, security schools, private patrol men  
10 or other persons to protect persons or property, to prevent  
11 the theft or unlawful taking of goods, wares or merchandise,  
12 or the misappropriation of concealment thereof, or of money,  
13 bonds, stocks, notes or other valuable documents, papers or  
14 articles of value or to procure the return thereof, whether or  
15 not other function or services are also performed for hire or  
16 reward, or the instruction of such persons or their employ-  
17 ment or other persons who are employed to assist therein.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as most re-  
2 cently amended by section 1 of chapter 266 of the acts of  
3 1976, is hereby further amended by adding the following sec-  
4 tion: —

5 *Section 184.* There shall be a commission to be known as  
6 the commission on private detectives, security guards and se-  
7 curity schools. Said commission shall consist of the commis-  
8 sioner of public safety or his designee, six members to be ap-  
9 pointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a chief of  
10 police of a city with a population of not less than fifty thou-  
11 sand, two of whom shall be engaged in the supervision of a  
12 private security guard force, and one who shall be a repre-  
13 sentative of a security school. Members appointed by the  
14 governor shall be designated in their original appointments to  
15 serve for one, two, three, four, five and six years. Upon the  
16 expiration of the term of a member, his successor shall be  
17 appointed by the governor for a term of six years. The com-  
18 missioner of public safety or his designee shall serve as chair-  
19 man of the commission. The members of the commission  
20 shall serve without compensation but each member shall be  
21 reimbursed for all necessary travel and other expenses in-  
22 curred by him in the discharge of his duties. Said commis-  
23 sion shall make all necessary rules and regulations relative  
24 to the qualifications, eligibility and employment of security  
25 guards.

26 The commissioner of public safety shall have the authority  
27 to administer and enforce all rules and regulations promul-  
28 gated by said commission.

29 Said commission shall set the following minimum standards  
30 for security guards: —

31 Be of legal age;

32 Be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien;

33 Not been convicted in any jurisdiction of any felony, or any  
34 crime involving moral turpitude, or illegally using or pos-  
35 sessed a dangerous weapon, for any of which a full pardon,  
36 or similar relief, has not been granted;

37 Not been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction  
38 incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and has  
39 not been restored;

40 Not suffering from habitual drunkenness or from narcotics  
41 addiction or dependence;

42 Be of good moral character.

43 Said commission shall set the following minimum standards  
44 for security agencies: —

45 Every applicant, or in the case of a partnership each part-  
46 ner, or in the case of a corporation the qualifying agent, shall  
47 meet the following qualifications before it may engage in the  
48 business of a contract security company: —

49 Be of legal age;

50 Be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien;

51 Not been convicted in any jurisdiction of any felony, or any  
52 crime involving moral turpitude, or illegally using or pos-  
53 sessed a dangerous weapon, for any of which a full pardon,  
54 or similar relief, has not been granted;

55 Not been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction  
56 incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and has  
57 not been restored;

58 Not suffering from habitual drunkenness or from narcotics  
59 addiction or dependence;

60 Be of good moral character;

61 Possess three years experience as a manager, supervisor, or  
62 administrator with a contract security company or pro-  
63 prietary security organization or possess three years super-  
64 visory experience approved by the licensing authority with  
65 any federal, United States military, state, county or munic-  
66 ipal law enforcement agency.

67 Said commissioner shall set the following minimum stand-  
68 ards for security schools: —

69 Every applicant, or in the case of a partnership each part-  
70 ner, or in the case of a corporation the qualifying agent, shall  
71 meet the following qualifications before it may engage in the  
72 business of a security school: —

73 Be of legal age;

74 Be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien;

75 Not been convicted in any jurisdiction of any felony, or any  
76 crime involving moral turpitude, or illegally using or pos-  
77 sessed a dangerous weapon, for any of which a full pardon,  
78 or similar relief, has not been granted;

79 Not been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction  
80 incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and has  
81 not been restored;

- 82 Not suffering from habitual drunkenness or from narcotics  
83 addiction or dependence;  
84 Be of good moral character;  
85 Possess three years experience as a manager, supervisor, or  
86 administrator with a security school or possess three years  
87 supervisory experience approved by the licensing authority  
88 with any federal, United States military, state, county or  
89 municipal law enforcement agency.  
90 Said commission shall decide what the fee for a guard,  
91 agency or school shall be.