



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 229**

January Session, 2011

Substitute House Bill No. 5100

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2011*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO APPLY FOR SECURITY SERVICE LICENSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-161h of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety may grant a security service  
5 license to any suitable person, or to any corporation, association or  
6 partnership subject to the following qualifications: The applicant for a  
7 license as a security service (1) shall be not less than twenty-five years  
8 of age and of good moral character, and (2) shall (A) have had at least  
9 five years' experience in a supervisory management capacity in  
10 industrial security, or a supervisor within a federal or state security  
11 agency, or within a state or organized municipal police department or  
12 shall have had at least ten years' experience as a police officer with a  
13 state or organized municipal police department, or (B) be a police

14 officer with a state or organized municipal police department. If the  
 15 applicant is a corporation, association or partnership, the person  
 16 making the application shall be an officer of the corporation or a  
 17 member of the association or partnership, and meet the foregoing  
 18 qualifications.

19 Sec. 2. Section 29-161j of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 20 *October 1, 2011*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	29-161h(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**  
 Changed to embody legislative intent.

**PS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>	<b>FY 13 \$</b>
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Less than 50,000	Less than 50,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill, which allows police officers to apply for security services licenses, would result in a revenue gain of less than \$50,000 for the Department of Public Safety. The application fee for the initial two year license is \$1,450 for an individual. The renewal fee is \$625 every two years. The total revenue gain would be dependent upon the number of police officers who would apply for a license under the bill. Currently there are 8,200 law enforcement officers in the state.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would remain constant into the future since fees are set by statute.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5100**

**AN ACT ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO APPLY FOR SECURITY SERVICE LICENSES.**

**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows anyone who is a state or municipal police officer or otherwise vested with police powers to be licensed as a security guard or security service (a business that provides security guard services). Under current law, these people are ineligible for licensure.

The bill allows a state or municipal police officer to be licensed as a security service, irrespective of his or her management, supervisory, or work experience. Any other person vested with police powers must meet current law's standards for security service license applicants, which is five years of supervisory experience in security or law enforcement work or 10 years of work experience as a state or local police officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**SECURITY SERVICE AND SECURITY OFFICER**

By law, every private security business, whether operated by an individual or corporate entity, must be licensed as a security service by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Security guards must also be licensed by DPS. Under current law, police officers and people vested with police powers are ineligible for licensure. The bill makes them eligible for both licenses.

Under current law, an applicant for licensure as a security service must, among other things, have had at least (1) five years supervisory or management experience (a) in industrial security, (b) with a federal or state security agency, or (c) with a state or municipal police

department or (2) 10 years experience as a state or municipal police officer. The bill allows licensure of police officers irrespective of their years of service or management or supervisory experience. Other people vested with police powers must have the required management or supervisory experience and years of service.

**BACKGROUND**

***Security Service Definition***

A “security service” is any person, firm, association, or corporation that, for consideration, provides guard services, including services intended to prevent or detect intrusion, entry, larceny, vandalism, abuse, fire, or trespass on property.

***Security Guard License Qualification***

An applicant for a security guard license must, among other things, complete at least eight hours of training in basic first aid, search and seizure laws and regulations, use of force, basic criminal justice, and public safety issues.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)