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BY REPRESENTATIVES ESCUDERO, MACAPAGAL ARROYO (J.), CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA, PALMONES, BAGASINA, GARCIA (P.J.), ANTONINO, ACOPI, AGLIPAY, BATAOIL, GOLEZ (R.), OCAMPOS, PANGANDAMAN (N.), RODRIGUEZ (M.), SACDALAN AND YAP (S.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2052

AN ACT PROVIDING A THREE (3)-YEAR VALIDITY PERIOD FOR THE LICENSE TO EXERCISE SECURITY PROFESSION, AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW'

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 5487 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "SEC. 6. *License Necessary.* — No person shall engage
4 in the business of, or act either as a private detective, or detective
5 agency; and either engage in the occupation, calling or
6 employment of watchman or in the business of watchman's
7 agency without first having obtained the necessary permit from
8 the Chief, [Philippine Constabulary] PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
9 POLICE (PNP) which permit as approved is a prerequisite in

1 obtaining a license or license certificate: *Provided*, That all
2 existing private detective or watchman or security guard agencies
3 shall have a period of one (1) year from the approval of this Act
4 to secure the said license: *Provided, further*, That existing
5 agencies, and any new agency which may hereafter apply for a
6 license, **SHALL** certify under oath that their private detectives,
7 watchmen or security guards, have received the appropriate
8 training from either the [Philippine Constabulary] PNP, the
9 National Bureau of Investigation, any local police department, or
10 any other public or private institution duly recognized by the
11 government to conduct police training: **PROVIDED, FINALLY,**
12 **THAT THE LICENSE TO EXERCISE SECURITY PROFESSION**
13 **(LESP) OF DULY QUALIFIED SECURITY GUARDS SHALL BE**
14 **VALID FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF**
15 **ITS ISSUANCE."**

16 **SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any provision of
17 this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or
18 provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
19 force and effect.

20 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
21 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this
22 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

23 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect upon its
24 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general
25 circulation.

Approved,