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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1995**

Offered January 19, 1999

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 9-183.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Department of Criminal Justice Services; definitions.*

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Referred to Committee on Militia and Police

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 9-183.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 9-183.1. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Alarm respondent" means a natural person who responds to the signal of an alarm for the purpose of detecting an intrusion of the home, business or property of the end user.

"Armed" means a private security registrant who carries or has immediate access to a firearm in the performance of his duties.

"Armed security officer" means a security officer, as defined below, who carries or has immediate access to a firearm in the performance of his duties.

"Armored car personnel" means persons who transport or offer to transport under armed security from one place to another, money, negotiable instruments or other valuables in a specially equipped motor vehicle with a high degree of security and certainty of delivery.

"Board" means the Criminal Justice Services Board or any successor board or agency.

"Business advertising material" means telephone directories, stationery, business cards, local newspaper advertising and contracts.

"Central station dispatcher" means a natural person who monitors burglar alarm signal devices, burglar alarms or any other electrical, mechanical or electronic device used to prevent or detect burglary, theft, shoplifting, pilferage or similar losses; used to prevent or detect intrusion; or used primarily to summon aid for other emergencies.

"Certification" means the method of regulation indicating that qualified persons have met the minimum requirements as private security services training schools, private security services instructors, compliance agents, unarmed security officers, electronic security employees, or electronic security technician's assistants.

"Compliance agent" means a natural person who owns or is employed by a licensed private security services business to ensure the compliance of the private security services business with this title.

"Courier" means any armed person who transports or offers to transport from one place to another documents or other papers, negotiable or nonnegotiable instruments, or other small items of value that require expeditious services.

"Department" means the Department of Criminal Justice Services or any successor agency.

"Electronic security business" means any person who engages in the business of or undertakes to (i) install, service, maintain, design or consult in the design of any electronic security equipment to an end user; (ii) respond to or cause a response to electronic security equipment for an end user; or (iii) have access to confidential information concerning the design, extent, status, password, contact list, or location of an end user's electronic security equipment.

"Electronic security employee" means a natural person who is employed by an electronic security business in any capacity which may give him access to information concerning the design, extent, status, password, contact list, or location of an end user's electronic security equipment.

"Electronic security equipment" means electronic or mechanical alarm signaling devices including burglar alarms or holdup alarms or cameras used to detect intrusions, concealment or theft.

"Electronic security equipment" shall not include tags, labels, and other devices which use radio frequency-based technology and which are attached or affixed to items offered for sale, library books, and other protected articles as part of an electronic article surveillance and theft detection and deterrence system.

"Electronic security sales representative" means a natural person who sells electronic security equipment on behalf of an electronic security business to the end user.

"Electronic security technician" means a natural person who installs, services, maintains or repairs electronic security equipment.

"Electronic security technician's assistant" means a natural person who works as a laborer under the supervision of the electronic security technician in the course of his normal duties, but who may not

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60 make connections to any electronic security equipment.

61 "End user" means any person who purchases or leases electronic security equipment for use in that  
62 person's home or business.

63 "Firearms training verification" means the verification of successful completion of either initial or  
64 retraining requirements for handgun or shotgun training, or both.

65 "License number" means the official number issued to a private security services business licensed by  
66 the Department.

67 "Person" means any individual, group of individuals, firm, company, corporation, partnership,  
68 business, trust, association, or other legal entity.

69 "Personal protection specialist" means any natural person who engages in the duties of providing  
70 close protection from bodily harm to any person.

71 "Private investigator" means any natural person who engages in the business of, or accepts  
72 employment to make, investigations to obtain information on (i) crimes or civil wrongs; (ii) the location,  
73 disposition, or recovery of stolen property; (iii) the cause of accidents, fires, damages, or injuries to  
74 persons or to property; or (iv) evidence to be used before any court, board, officer, or investigative  
75 committee.

76 "Private security services business" means any person engaged in the business of providing, or who  
77 undertakes to provide, armored car personnel, security officers, personal protection specialists, private  
78 investigators, couriers, security canine handlers, security canine teams, alarm respondents, central station  
79 dispatchers, electronic security employees, electronic security sales representatives or electronic security  
80 technicians and their assistants to another person under contract, express or implied.

81 "Private security services instructor" means any natural person certified by the Department to provide  
82 mandated instruction in private security subjects for a certified private security services training school.

83 "Private security services registrant" means any qualified natural person who has met the  
84 requirements under this article to perform the duties of alarm respondent, armored car personnel, central  
85 station dispatcher, courier, electronic security sales representative, electronic security technician, personal  
86 protection specialist, private investigator, security canine handler, or armed security officer.

87 "Private security services training school" means any person certified by the Department to provide  
88 instruction in private security subjects for the training of private security services business personnel in  
89 accordance with this article.

90 "Registration" means a method of regulation whereby certain personnel employed by a private  
91 security services business are required to obtain a registration from the Department pursuant to this  
92 article.

93 "Security canine" means a dog that has attended, completed, and been certified as a security canine  
94 by a certified security canine handler instructor in accordance with approved Department procedures and  
95 certification guidelines. "Security canines" shall not mean detector dogs.

96 "Security canine handler" means any natural person who utilizes his security canine in the  
97 performance of private security duties.

98 "Security canine team" means the security canine handler and his security canine performing private  
99 security duties.

100 "Security officer" means any natural person employed by a private security services business to (i)  
101 safeguard and protect persons and property or (ii) prevent theft, loss, or concealment of any tangible or  
102 intangible personal property on the premises contracted to protect.

103 "Supervisor" means any natural person who directly or indirectly supervises registered or certified  
104 private security services business personnel.

105 "Unarmed security officer" means a security officer who does not carry or have immediate access to  
106 a firearm in the performance of his duties.