

**Private Security Industry Act  
(CHAPTER 250A)**

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## **PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY ACT (CHAPTER 250A)**

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An Act to provide for the regulation of private investigators, private investigation agencies, security officers, security agencies and security service providers, and for matters connected therewith.

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### **PART I**

### **PRELIMINARY**

#### **Short title and commencement**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Private Security Industry Act and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### **Interpretation**

**2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“approved” means approved by the licensing officer;

“authorised point of departure” and “authorised point of entry” have the same meanings as in the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);

“bouncer” means a person who, in respect of any place of entertainment or other

similar premises, and as part of his regular duties, performs for reward any function of —

- (a) screening individuals seeking entry;
- (b) controlling or monitoring the behaviour of individuals; or
- (c) removing individuals for behavioural reasons;

“business entity” includes —

- (a) a sole proprietorship or firm registered under the Business Registration Act (Cap. 32);
- (b) a body corporate incorporated under the Companies Act (Cap. 50); and
- (c) a limited liability partnership registered under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act (Cap. 163A);

“employ” does not include sub-contract or arrange by contract, franchise or otherwise with another person for the purpose of that other person employing or providing persons;

“licence” means any of the following licences granted under this Act:

- (a) a private investigator’s licence;
- (b) a private investigation agency’s licence;
- (c) a security officer’s licence;
- (d) a security agency’s licence; or
- (e) a security service provider’s licence;

“licensed” means licensed as a private investigator, private investigation agency, security officer, security agency or security service provider under this Act;

“licensee” means the holder of a licence;

“licensing officer”, in relation to any provision in this Act, means any licensing officer appointed under section 4(1) for the purposes of that provision, and includes any assistant licensing officer appointed by such a licensing officer under section 4(2) and subject to his direction and control;

“officer”, in relation to a business entity, means —

- (a) a director, partner, member of the board of management, chief