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It is hereby notified that the President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

No. 104 of 1997: Security Officers Amendment Act, 1997.

KANTOOR VAN DIE PRESIDENT

No. 1658.

19 Desember 1997

Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die President sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 104 van 1997: Wysigingswet op Sekuriteitsbeamptes, 1997.

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

[Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

ACT

To amend the Security Officers Act, 1987, in order to substitute the definition of “Board”; to determine the seat of the head office of the Interim Board; to make provision for the establishment and the constitution of an Interim Board to exercise control over the occupation of security officer and to maintain, promote and protect the status of that profession until a new permanent Security Officers Board has been established; to determine the objects, functions, powers and duties of the Interim Board; to provide that the Minister for Safety and Security shall conduct certain consultation before the appointment of the members of the Interim Board; to authorise the Interim Board to submit reports to the Minister for Safety and Security regarding the statutory functions thereof; to provide for a calling of a meeting of the Interim Board upon receipt by the chairperson of a request by seven or more members; to make provision for a quorum for a meeting of the Interim Board; to provide for the establishment of an executive committee for the Interim Board; to determine the number of board members required for a decision to withdraw the registration of a security officer; to substitute the long title of that Act; and to regulate certain transitional matters; and to make provision for certain matters connected therewith.

(Afrikaans text signed by the President.)
(Assented to 27 November 1997.)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Amendment of section 1 of Act 92 of 1987, as amended by section 1 of Act 119 of 1992 and section 1 of Act 64 of 1996

1. Section 1 of the Security Officers Act, 1987 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended by the substitution in subsection (1) for the definition of “Board” of the following definition:

“ ‘Board’ means the Security Officers’ Interim Board established by section 2;”.

Substitution of section 2 of Act 92 of 1987

2. The following section is hereby substituted for section 2 of the principal Act: 10

“Establishment and objects of Security Officers’ Interim Board

2. (1) There is hereby established a juristic person to be known as the Security Officers’ Interim Board.

(2) The objects of the Board shall be to exercise control over the occupation of security officer, **[and]** to maintain, promote and protect the status of that occupation. and to ensure that the industry acts in the public interest, and to submit reports from time to time to the Minister on the regulation of the security officer industry.

(3) The head office of the Board shall be in Pretoria.”.

Amendment of section 3 of Act 92 of 1987, as amended by section 1 of Act 25 of 1990 10 and section 2 of Act 119 of 1992

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is hereby amended by—

(a) the deletion of the word “and” at the end of paragraph (j); and

(b) the insertion after paragraph (j) of the following paragraph:

“(jA) advise the Minister as to—

(i) the establishment of a new permanent Security Officers’ Board which shall be so constituted that provision is made for an increased representation of the security services industry and of the community;

(ii) the funding of the Board and the utilisation of its funds;

(iii) the amendment of this Act—

(aa) in order [o promote and encourage professionalism in the security services industry, the principles of democracy, transparent}, equality, accessibility, the satisfaction of the needs of the community with regard to security services and the involvement of the community in the achievement of the objects of the Board;

(bb) in order to provide for the drawing up of an enforceable code of conduct for security officers which prescribes the procedures for its enforcement, including the imposition of differential penalties in respect of the different categories of security officers; and

(iv) any other matter deemed by the Board necessary or expedient to be considered by the Minister in connection with the provisions of this Act, or the application thereof, and any other matter relating to the security services which has been referred by the Minister to the Board for the advice and recommendations of the Board: and”.

Insertion of section 3A in Act 92 of 1987

4, The following section is hereby inserted after section 3 of the principal Act:

“Submission of Bill to Parliament

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3A. The Minister shall within a period of 18 months after the date of commencement of the Security Officers Amendment Act, 1997, draft a new Bill on the occupation of security officer and related matters with the purpose of submitting it to Parliament.”.

Substitution of section 4 of Act 92 of 1987, as amended by section 3 of Act 119 of 45 1992

5. The following section is hereby substituted for section 4 of the principal Act:

“Constitution of Interim Board

4. (1) The Board shall, subject to section 6, consist of—

(a) six security officers of whom three shall be representative of employers and three representative of employees;

- (b) three persons who shall be users of security services:
- (c) any three additional persons who are fit and proper persons to serve on the Board; and
- (d) a person who in the opinion of the Minister is an independent person. as the chairperson. in consultation with the Portfolio Committee on Safety and Security.
- (2) The members of the Board referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection (1) shall, subject to subsection (4), be appointed by the Minister after such consultation with national associations, organisations, trade unions or federations as, in the opinion of the Minister, are representative of employees who are security officers, employers of such employees and users of security services. in consultation with the Portfolio Committee on Safety and Security, and after consideration by the Minister of submissions by other persons who are security officers or users of security services. and whom the Minister has invited by notice in the *Gazette* to make submissions in the manner and within the period determined by the Minister in the notice.
- (3) The member of the Board referred to in paragraph (d) of subsection (1) shall be paid such remuneration and allowances from State funds as shall be determined by the Minister in consultation with the Portfolio Committee on Safety and Security.
- (4) Upon the expiry of the period specified in terms of subsection (2) the Minister shall cause to be compiled a list of names of persons whose names were submitted to him or her in pursuance of the relevant invitation and shall submit such names to the Portfolio Committee on Safety and Security.”.

Amendment of section 6 of Act 92 of 1987, as amended by section 5 of Act 119 of 1992

6. Section 6 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection:
- “(3) [(a)] If a member of the Board ceases to hold office the Minister shall, having regard to section 4(1) [but subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection], appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of such former member’s term of office.
- [(b) Subsection (1)(a) of section 4. in so far as that subsection requires the members referred to therein to be selected from a list compiled under subsection (4) of that section, shall not apply in respect of any appointment contemplated in paragraph (a) of this subsection.]”.

Substitution of section 7 of Act 92 of 1987

7. The following section is hereby substituted for section 7 of the principal Act:

“Chairperson and vice-chairperson

7. (1) The Board shall at its first meeting and thereafter as often as it may become necessary elect a member as vice-chairperson of the Board.
- (2) When the chairperson is absent or is unable to perform his or her functions as chairperson or whenever the office of chairperson is vacant, the vice-chairperson shall act as chairperson during such absence or incapacity or until a chairperson is appointed. and if both the chairperson and the vice-chairperson are absent or unable to perform the functions of the chairperson or whenever both the office of chairperson and the office of vice-chairperson are vacant, the Board shall elect any other member to act as chairperson during such absence or incapacity or until a chairperson is appointed or a vice-chairperson is elected.”.

Amendment of section 8 of Act 92 of 1987

8. Section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution in subsection (1) for paragraph (b) of the following paragraph:

“(b) the **[chairman]** chairperson shall within seven days after he or she has been requested in writing by at least **[five]** seven members of the Board to do so, convene a meeting of the Board.”: and

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(b) by the substitution in subsection (2) for paragraph (a) of the following paragraph:

“(a) **[five]** seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board: and”.

Amendment of section 9 of Act 92 of 1987, as amended by section 6 of Act 119 of 1992

9. Section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution in subsection (1) for the words preceding the proviso of the following words:

“The Board may appoint an executive committee consisting of at least **[three]** four of the members of the Board.”.

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Amendment of section 15 of Act 92 of 1987

10. Section 15 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection:

“(2) The Board shall not withdraw the registration of a security officer otherwise than on the authority of a resolution of the Board taken by at least **[six]** seven 20 members of the Board present at a meeting of the Board. ““.

Substitution of long title of Act 92 of 1987

11. The following long title is hereby substituted for the long title of the principal Act:

“To provide for the establishment of a board. to be known as the Security Officers’ Interim Board, to deal with and to exercise control over the occupation of security 25 officer, and for matters incidental thereto.”.

Transitional provisions

12. (1) In this section—

“former Board” means the Security Officers’ Board. referred to in section 2 of the principal Act as it read immediately prior to the commencement of section 2 of this 30 Act;”; and

“Interim Board” means the Security Officers’ Interim Board, established by section 2 of this Act.

(2) (a) With effect from the commencement of section 2 of this Act—

(i) all assets. rights. obligations and liabilities of the former Board shall vest in 35 the Interim Board;

(ii) anything done or any decision or steps taken by the former Board in terms of any provision of the principal Act. shall be deemed to have been done or taken. by the Interim Board:

(iii) any reference in any law or document to the former Board shall be construed 40 as a reference to the Interim Board.

(b) As soon as possible after such commencement the Interim Board shall. on application by any person, effect free of charge, except where such charge is levied in terms of any law, all such changes or endorsements on any document which was issued by the former Board or which reflects a transaction to which that Board was a party 45 immediately prior to such commencement. as are necessary to give effect to this subsection.

Short title and commencement

13. This Act shall be called the Security Officers Amendment Act, 1997. and shall come into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*. 50