

No. 20

4th Session, 14th Legislature, Alberta
10 Elizabeth II

BILL 20

A Bill to amend The Private Detectives Act

HON. MR. MANNING

Explanatory Note

2. Section 2, clause (c) presently reads:

- “(c) “private detective” means a person who for hire, profit or reward of any kind, engages in the business of
- (i) being a private investigator,
 - (ii) obtaining and furnishing information as to the personal character or actions of a person, or the character or kind of business or occupation of a person,
 - (iii) searching for offenders against the law,
 - (iv) searching for missing persons, or
 - (v) furnishing guards or watchmen;”.

This amendment will broaden the definition of “private detective” and make the provisions of the Act applicable to any person who acts as a guard or watchman for more than one person.

3. Section 17 reads:

“17. (1) Where by reason of an act or omission of a private detective or his employee or agent occurring in or in connection with the business of the private detective during the term of his licence, a claim for damages arises, the claimant in an action for damages may join the insurer on the security deposited with the Minister notwithstanding that the claimant is not a party to the security.

(2) The insurer on the security deposited with the Minister by the private detective is, to the amount set out in the bond or policy of the insurer, liable to indemnify the claimant against all damages sustained by him by reason of the act or omission of the private detective, or an employee or agent of the private detective.”.

This amendment will add a limitation period for claims against the bond similar to that presently found in The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act.

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No. 20 of 1962

An Act to amend The Private Detectives Act

(Assented to _____, 1962)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Private Detectives Act*, being chapter 240 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended.

2. Section 2, clause (c) is amended by striking out sub-clause (v) and by substituting the following:

(v) acting as a guard or watchman for more than one person or furnishing guards or watchmen for one or more persons;

3. Section 17 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) This section does not apply to any action commenced more than two years after the expiration or cancellation of the licence or renewal thereof to which the security relates.

4. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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