

PRESENTATION BEFORE THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE ON BILL 22 (MAY 3, 2010)

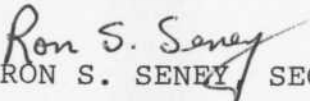
I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE CONCERNING BILL 22. AFTER SERVING OVER 45 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY ROLES, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT CONCERN ME. IN LIEU OF TAKING A 'SCATTER GUN APPROACH', I WILL LIMIT MY SUBMISSION TO AN AREA THAT HAS SHOWN LITTLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THOSE DECADES.

MY MAIN CONCERN IN THE SECURITY INDUSTRY IS THE DISREGARDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROVISIONS. TOO FREQUENTLY, SECURITY GUARDS HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO WORK LONG HOURS IN SOME INSTANCES DOUBLE 12 HOUR SHIFTS. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO STAY ALERT AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THOSE HOURS, THEY CAN PRESENT A HAZARD TO THEMSELVES AND THE MOTORING PUBLIC WHEN DRIVING HOME.

I PROPOSE, THAT GUARDS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PLACE IN THEIR NOTE BOOKS, STARTING TIMES, CONCLUDING TIME AND ANY BREAKS PROVIDED BY THEIR EMPLOYER. THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY APPLY MOSTLY TO CONTRACT SECURITY FIRMS, THAT HISTORICALLY HAVE PLACED MORE EMPHASIS ON THE 'BOTTOM LINE' THAN SAFETY. HAVING EXPERIENCE IN BOTH CONTRACT AND IN-HOUSE SECURITY, THIS IS NOT A MAJOR CONCERN IN THE LATTER. INDEED, I DO NOT SHARE THE BELIEF, THAT IN-HOUSE SECURITY IS IN NEED OF MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.

COMPLIANCE OFFICERS COULD MAKE MORE VALUABLE USE OF THEIR TIME IN CHECKING FOR COMPLIANCE ON O.H.&S. ISSUES RATHER THAN MEASURING LETTERS ON UNIFORMS. FURTHER, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO NEED FOR THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR TO BE CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES OF A COMPLIANCE OFFICER, WHICH SEEMS SELECTIVE AT BEST. THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR SHOULD EXERCISE NEUTRALITY IN ENFORCEMENT ISSUES SO THAT HE/SHE COULD ARBITRATE ISSUES THAT HAVE AND WILL ARISE IN THE FUTURE.

RESPECTFULLY

  
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