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Laws to improve confidence in the security industry

A national approach to regulating the private security industry is the purpose of new laws being introduced to Parliament today by Attorney General John Rau.

“The security industry plays a significant and growing role in maintaining safety in a number of spaces, including licensed venues and community events,” Mr Rau said.

“It is important then that the public has confidence in this industry and that it is properly and consistently regulated.”

“The Bill I will be introducing today stems from a COAG agreement to adopt a national approach to improve the probity, competence and skills of security personnel.

“It will also assist in the mobility of security industry licensees across jurisdictions.”

The *Security and Investigation Agents (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2012* seeks to:

- Introduce seven classifications, consistent across Australia, of licensable activity.
- Implement the agreed minimum list of disqualifying offences. Many of which are already prescribed in SA;
- Require individual trainers to comply with the same probity requirements as members of the private security industry;
- Improve security training standards by requiring all business providing security industry training to be approved; and
- Provide for the future issuing of temporary and provisional licences.

“Currently, there is an inconsistent approach across jurisdictions in the security industry,” Mr Rau said.

“A more consistent and regulated industry will improve the overall quality of these services and, in turn, help to reduce the likelihood of violent incidents in and around licensed premises.”

The Bill will be introduced into the House of Assembly today.