

BELIZE:

**PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES
(CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 2.
3. Amendment of section 15.
4. Amendment of section 18.



No. 4 of 2024

I assent,

(H.E. DAME FROYLA TZALAM)

Governor-General

21st February, 2024.

AN ACT to amend the Private Security and Investigation Services (Control) Act, Chapter 138:01 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to empower the Firearms and Ammunition Control Board to issue firearm licences to security companies; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 24th February, 2024)

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024,

CAP. 138:01. and shall be read and construed as one with the Private Security and Investigation Services (Control) Act, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Amendment of section 2.

2. The principal Act is amended in section 2 by inserting the following term and its corresponding definition in its proper alphabetical sequence–

CAP. 143.

““Board” means the Firearms and Ammunition Control Board established under section 2A of Firearms Act;”.

Amendment of section 15.

3. The principal Act is amended in section 15–

- (a) in sub-section (1), by deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting it with the word “Board”;
- (b) in sub-section (2), by deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting it with the word “Board” wherever it appears;
- (c) in sub-section (4), by deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting it with the word “Board” wherever it appears;
- (d) in sub-section (5), by deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting it with the word “Board” wherever it appears;
- (e) in sub-section (8), by–
 - (i) deleting the words “imparting suitable training to the security guards employed by it in the use of firearms” and substituting them with the words “ensuring that the security guards employed by it have a certificate of competence from a Firearm Safety Instructor”; and

- (ii) deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting it with the words “the Minister responsible for firearms or the Board, as the case may be”; and
- (f) in sub-section (9)(c), by deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting it with the word “Board” wherever it appears.

4. The principal Act is amended in section 18(3) by deleting the word “Commissioner” and substituting it with the word “Board”.

Amendment of section 18.