

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 11, October 03,
1972**]

AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIFTY-FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN OTHERWISE KNOWN AS, "THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW."^[*]

WHEREAS, there were pending before Congress prior to the promulgation of Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, certain priority measures vital to the law enforcement program of the Government and to the restoration and maintenance of peace and order throughout the land, which were duly certified by the President as urgent measures;

WHEREAS, one of these priority measures is House Bill No. 4606 entitled, "**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIFTY-FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN OTHERWISE KNOWN AS, THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW**";

WHEREAS, the said House Bill No. 4606 seeks to amend the Private Security Agency Law because:

- a. There are numerous private firms, companies, and corporations including government-owned or controlled corporations employing around 30,000 watchmen or security guards who are armed with considerable numbers of firearms but who are not covered by Section 3 of the Private Secretary Agency Law;
- b. The Private Security Agency Law did not establish adequate safeguards against the intrusion of personal interest in the issuance of licenses prescribed by said Law;
- c. There are inadequate regulatory powers of the Philippine Constabulary over the operations of the private security guard or watchman agencies and their guards or watchmen;

WHEREAS, to provide for an effective deterrent to the commission of acts in violation of said Republic Act No. 5487 and this Decree, and of the implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Chief of Constabulary pursuant thereto, by providing stiff penalties for violators;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, General Orders Nos. 1 and 6, both dated September 22, 1972 and General Order No. 7, dated September 23, 1972, do hereby order and decree, that:

1. Section three (d) of Republic Act Fifty-four Hundred Eighty-Seven, otherwise known as, "The Private Security Agency Law" is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) *Watchman or Security Guard, Watchman or Security Guard Agency.* — Any person who offers or renders personal service to watch or secure either residential or business establishment, or both, or any building, compound, or area including but not limited to logging concessions, agricultural, mining or pasture lands for hire or compensation, or as an employee thereof shall be