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competent jurisdiction, incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease, and not be currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or dependence. Additionally, the applicant must be 18 years of age for a license, and 21 years of age for a security officer firearms permit. Each applicant must have a federal criminal history record check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Applicants must also submit evidence of successfully completing an education and training program as required by the Secretary of State. Another aspect of the legislation creates an advisory board made up of security professionals to help advise the Secretary of State's Office on the rules and regulations governing this act. I do believe that this legislation is very important for the safety of the public, as well as for the protection of our state. In these times of terror alerts and national security issues, it is important to know that all of those working in the security industry meet basic standards of safety and professionalism. With that, I will urge your support of this bill and I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. There are committee amendments, as stated. Chairperson Schimek, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments offered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. If you want to follow along in the green copy, this is a four-part amendment. The first amendment affects lines...affects line 12 and it inserts the language, after "local government," which refers to also an employee of a political subdivision, or an individual appointed as a deputy sheriff. And that is simply providing that those are not included in the definition of a security officer. The second part of the amendment talks about the definition of a uniform and makes it clear that these uniforms cannot look like those customarily worn by law enforcement officials. We do know that that has happened in the past and it's confusing, to say the least. The third part of the language is on page 5 and it just says that you have to be at least 18 years of age to train for a license, and 20 years of age...21 years of age to train an applicant for a security officer. And then finally, the committee amendment changes the