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## **SECURITY PROVIDERS AMENDMENT BILL**

**Mr LEE** (Indooroopilly—ALP) (4.05 pm): I rise very briefly to put on record my support for this piece of legislation. I have spoken in the House on a number of occasions about the need in Queensland to tighten up the regulation of the security providers industry. There would not be a week that would go by when there was not a young person in my electorate who approached me or my electorate office with a complaint about the misbehaviour of people working as security providers at pubs and clubs.

I am one of the members in this place who represents more students and more young people than anyone else. These are a group of people who have some of the greatest contact with security providers in Queensland. I am delighted that there are increased penalties for people who are operating in a manner that is unlicensed. I am also very, very pleased to see that this legislation ensures that security providers will from now on have character checks before they are allowed to undertake that activity. I thank the minister for this fine piece of legislation.

I am thrilled that there is some regulation of people who provide security services using dogs. A concern was raised with me by a gentleman who actually provided security at my electorate office when I was first elected in 2001. He said that he went to great lengths to ensure that the dogs he used and that he brought around with him when he was working as a security guard were well trained and not likely to act in a manner that was erratic. His concern was that he was at a distinct commercial disadvantage because other people in his industry did not invest the money in their animals to ensure that that was the case. What they invested their money in was insurance so that when their animal misbehaved in the way that it was likely to at some stage they would simply use the insurance company to pay out the person who was bitten, mauled or attacked. This gent did the right thing and ensured that his animals were always well behaved because they were well trained. At that stage he was at a commercial disadvantage. That will no longer be the case. In fact, he will be at the forefront of his industry. It is a great advantage to him into the future. I thank the minister greatly for that. With those words I am thrilled to support the bill.