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# **SAGA ALERT | State's War on Private Security – Disarming the Good Guys, Empowering the Criminals**

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## **A Masterclass in Bureaucratic Stupidity**

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South Africa is in the middle of a violent crime epidemic. Instead of backing the men and women who stand between law-abiding citizens and ruthless criminals, the government is now trying to cripple the private security industry through Draft Private Security Industry Regulation Act (PSiRA) Amendments – Notice 3088 of 2025.

These proposals are not just ill-conceived – they are a direct assault on public safety, the security industry and firearm owners across the country.

## **Why This Matters to Every Firearm Owner**

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If the State can arbitrarily disarm trained, regulated and vetted security professionals, it is only a matter of time before ordinary gun owners are next.

This is not only about security companies. This is about civilian disarmament by stealth – one “regulation” at a time. NATSHOOT has already warned that this is “*the first shot fired in the direction of curtailing legal firearm ownership.*”

## **Madness Inside the Draft Amendments**

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Irrational illogical madness, you cannot make this stuff up:



- Weapon Restrictions:
  - Handguns and shotguns only for limited services.
  - Bolt-action rifles confined to anti-poaching.
  - Semi-auto rifles only for cash-in-transit.

*Note: Absurd in a country where taxi violence, syndicates, and armed gangs wield full-auto AKs with impunity.*

- Bodyguards “Cause Alarm”:  
PSiRA’s Deputy Director even compared private bodyguards to the president’s detail. False equivalence. Presidential teams have intelligence, layers of protection and limitless resources. Private security operates in unpredictable, uncontrolled environments. This comparison is delusional.
- Handcuff Red Tape:  
By restricting basic tools like handcuffs, PSiRA would leave suspects free to attack until police arrive. Whose side are they on?
- Firearm Tracking Devices:  
An outright fantasy – unreliable, unaffordable, privacy-violating and legally questionable.
- Medical Overreach:  
New neurological, auditory and visual testing for firearm use. Unworkable, unnecessary and another barrier designed to hobble professionals.

## The Consequences

- Security Weakened, Criminals Strengthened – syndicates with illegal AKs laugh while lawful security is stripped down.
- Lives at Risk – officers left under-equipped in violent situations.
- Chaos for Businesses – companies unable to fulfil contractual obligations.
- Next Step: Civilian Disarmament – if they can do this to security professionals, nothing stops them from doing it to you.

## The Hypocrisy

South Africa’s private security sector is twice the size of SAPS and the SANDF combined. Instead of leveraging that strength, government weakens it – all while criminal syndicates stockpile military-grade weapons.

The result? A deliberate imbalance – disarm the good guys, arm the bad guys.



## Conclusion: Time to Push Back

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These irrational, reckless and dangerous proposals cannot be allowed to stand.  
**This is not regulation – it is sabotage.**

Firearm owners, security professionals and every South African who values self-defence must act NOW.

- Submit your objections to: [Regulations@psira.co.za](mailto:Regulations@psira.co.za)
- Join the fight at: [www.FreeSA.org.za/protecting-public-safety-through-private-security](http://www.FreeSA.org.za/protecting-public-safety-through-private-security)

If you stay silent, the criminals win. If you resist, the State cannot ignore you.

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