



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6191

LCO No. 3866

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING LATERAL OR COMPARATIVE
CERTIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-294e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute or special
4 act or local law, ordinance or charter to the contrary, each police officer
5 shall forfeit his appointment and position unless recertified by the
6 council according to procedures and within the time frame established
7 by the council.

8 (b) The Police Officer Standards and Training Council may adopt
9 any regulations it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of
10 section 7-294a, subsection (a) of section 7-294b, sections 7-294c, 7-294d
11 and this section in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, giving
12 due consideration to the varying factors and special requirements of
13 law enforcement units. Such regulations shall be binding upon all law
14 enforcement units, except the Division of State Police within the
15 Department of Public Safety.

16 (c) A candidate for lateral certification as a police officer in any law
17 enforcement unit in the state shall not be required to have served for
18 two years of continuous service as a certified law enforcement officer if
19 such candidate has successfully completed the basic training
20 curriculum established by the Police Officers Standards and Training
21 Council. As used in this subsection, "lateral certification" means the
22 certification of a certified police officer to a new position as a police
23 officer with a different law enforcement unit in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow lateral and comparative certification of a police officer who has not completed at least two years of continuous service as a certified police officer if the candidate has successfully completed an approved police basic training program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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