



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Rep. Stephen Dargan, Co-Chairman
Sen. Joan Hartley, Co-Chairman
Public Safety and Security Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

HB 5294 AN ACT CONCERNING LATERAL CERTIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection advises this bill is not necessary.

Recognizing the need for the intent of this legislation, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) have recently approved a regulatory change to eliminate physical fitness testing for lateral certification candidates. The adoption process was commenced in mid-January with the submission of the proposed regulatory change. It is currently going through the executive branch approval process. This change would mirror the intent of HB 5294.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben F. Bradford".

Reuben F. Bradford
COMMISSIONER