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Testimony

In Support of House Bill 5295 An Act Concerning Eligibility Requirements for Employment As A Police Officer

Public Safety and Security Committee
February 28, 2012

Honorable Co-Chairs Senator Hartley and Representative Dargan, Honorable Vice-Chairs Senator Daily and Representative Jutila, Ranking Members Senator Guglielmo and Representative Giegler, and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on House Bill 5295, an act concerning eligibility requirements for employment as a police officer.

Current Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) regulations state a "crime in any other jurisdiction that would if committed in this state, constitute a Class A or Class B misdemeanor" (2005, p. 13). As the regulation stands, a duly appointed police officer from a jurisdiction outside Connecticut, who had committed such a crime before becoming a sworn protector of the law, is prohibited from attaining a police officer position within Connecticut. The regulation disallows POST from considering the accomplishments and successful career of a person wishing to serve and protect the people of Connecticut. I am asking the Public Safety and Security Committee to please pass HB 5295 so that a person who has proudly served as a police officer outside of Connecticut may obtain the opportunity to serve as an officer within Connecticut. The bill does not usurp the Council's authority to discern all necessary prerequisites and qualifications to serve as an officer of the law; it permits POST to acknowledge a person's law enforcement career despite a past offense.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best Regards,

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Police Officer Standards and Training Council. (2005, March). *Regulations*. Retrieved from http://www.ct.gov/post/lib/post/pdf_documents/postc_regulations_rev_03-30-2005.pdf