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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING LATERAL CERTIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-294d of the 2012 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

4 (b) No person may be employed as a police officer by any law
5 enforcement unit for a period exceeding one year unless such person
6 has been certified under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
7 or has been granted an extension by the council. No person may serve
8 as a police officer during any period when such person's certification
9 has been cancelled or revoked pursuant to the provisions of subsection
10 (c) of this section. In addition to the requirements of this subsection,
11 the council may establish other qualifications for the employment of
12 police officers and require evidence of fulfillment of these
13 qualifications. The certification of any police officer who is not
14 employed by a law enforcement unit for a period of time in excess of
15 two years, unless such officer is on leave of absence, shall be
16 considered lapsed. Upon reemployment as a police officer, such officer

17 shall apply for recertification in a manner provided by the council. The
18 council shall certify any applicant who presents evidence of
19 satisfactory completion of a program or course of instruction in
20 another state equivalent in content and quality to that required in this
21 state, provided such applicant passes an examination or evaluation as
22 required by the council. A police officer certified in accordance with
23 subsection (a) of this section whose certification has not lapsed or been
24 cancelled or revoked and who is a candidate for a new position as a
25 police officer with a different law enforcement unit in this state shall be
26 subject to the entry level requirements established by the council for
27 the employment of police officers, except that such police officer shall
28 not be required to meet the physical fitness testing standards.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 7-294d of the 2012 supplement to the
30 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
31 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

32 (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) any state
33 police training school or program, (2) any sworn member of the
34 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services
35 and Public Protection, (3) Connecticut National Guard security
36 personnel, when acting within the scope of their National Guard
37 duties, who have satisfactorily completed a program of police training
38 conducted by the United States Army or Air Force, (4) employees of
39 the Judicial Department, (5) municipal animal control officers
40 appointed pursuant to section 22-331, or (6) fire police appointed
41 pursuant to section 7-313a. The provisions of this section with respect
42 to renewal of certification upon satisfactory completion of review
43 training programs shall not apply to any chief inspector or inspector in
44 the Division of Criminal Justice who has satisfactorily completed a
45 program of police training conducted by the division.
46 [Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, any
47 police officer certified in accordance with subsection (a) of this section
48 may accept employment with another police department within this
49 state without repeating minimum basic training.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	7-294d(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	7-294d(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify that certified police officers who seek employment with a different police department do not have to take and pass a physical fitness test.

[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.]