



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5294**

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**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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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 (1)  
26 shall be subject to the entry level requirements established by the  
27 council for the employment of police officers, except that such police  
28 officer shall not be required by the council to meet the physical fitness  
29 testing standards, and (2) shall not be required to repeat the police  
30 basic training program.

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32 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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

34 (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) any state  
35 police training school or program, (2) any sworn member of the  
36 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services  
37 and Public Protection, (3) Connecticut National Guard security  
38 personnel, when acting within the scope of their National Guard  
39 duties, who have satisfactorily completed a program of police training  
40 conducted by the United States Army or Air Force, (4) employees of  
41 the Judicial Department, (5) municipal animal control officers  
42 appointed pursuant to section 22-331, or (6) fire police appointed  
43 pursuant to section 7-313a. The provisions of this section with respect  
44 to renewal of certification upon satisfactory completion of review  
45 training programs shall not apply to any chief inspector or inspector in  
46 the Division of Criminal Justice who has satisfactorily completed a  
47 program of police training conducted by the division.  
48 [Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, any  
49 police officer certified in accordance with subsection (a) of this section  
50 may accept employment with another police department within this  
51 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)

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*