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**Committee Bill No. 265**

LCO No. 3423



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF MODERATORS AND  
ALTERNATE MODERATORS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (c) The Secretary shall conduct certification sessions for moderators  
5 and alternate moderators each year at times and places to be  
6 determined by said Secretary, provided at least eight such sessions  
7 shall be held each calendar year and at least one such session shall be  
8 conducted prior to every primary. The Secretary shall certify each  
9 person who successfully completes an instructional session or regional  
10 instructional session, as the case may be, conducted in accordance with  
11 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and an examination  
12 administered by the Secretary, as eligible to serve as moderator or  
13 alternate moderator at any election or primary held during the time  
14 such certification is effective, except the Secretary shall not certify any  
15 person as moderator or alternate moderator who has been convicted of

16 or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of competent  
 17 jurisdiction, any [(1)] felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,  
 18 embezzlement or bribery [.] or [(2)] any criminal offense under this  
 19 title. [Any] Before July 1, 2019, (1) any initial certification granted  
 20 under this subsection shall expire two years after the date of its  
 21 granting. [. Prior] and (2) prior to expiration of [the] an initial or [any]  
 22 subsequent certification, a moderator or alternate moderator may  
 23 undergo an abridged recertification process prescribed by the  
 24 Secretary, and upon successful completion thereof, such certification  
 25 shall be renewed for two years after the date of such completion. On  
 26 and after July 1, 2019, (A) any initial certification granted under this  
 27 subsection shall expire four years after the date of its granting, and (B)  
 28 prior to expiration of an initial or subsequent certification, a moderator  
 29 or alternate moderator may undergo an abridged recertification  
 30 process prescribed by the Secretary, and upon successful completion  
 31 thereof, such certification shall be renewed for four years after the date  
 32 of such completion. Only those persons who are certified in accordance  
 33 with this subsection shall be eligible to serve as moderators on election  
 34 or primary day, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section or  
 35 section 9-436. The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in  
 36 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as the Secretary deems  
 37 necessary to implement the certification process under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	9-229(c)

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*