

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1664 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY CASORIO, CALTAGIRONE, DALEY, DENLINGER, PRESTON,  
THOMAS AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 7, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 7, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 10, 1951 (P.L.1189, No.265),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the appointment,  
3 promotion, suspension, reduction, removal and reinstatement  
4 of employes (except superintendents, assistant  
5 superintendents, inspectors, chief clerks and school guards)  
6 in bureaus of police in cities of the second class; and  
7 defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions  
8 in such cities for such purposes," further providing for  
9 qualifications for appointment in the competitive class of  
10 the civil service.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of August 10, 1951  
14 (P.L.1189, No.265), entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the  
15 appointment, promotion, suspension, reduction, removal and  
16 reinstatement of employes (except superintendents, assistant  
17 superintendents, inspectors, chief clerks and school guards) in  
18 bureaus of police in cities of the second class; and defining  
19 the powers and duties of civil service commissions in such  
20 cities for such purposes," amended March 20, 1990 (P.L.78,  
21 No.17), is amended to read:

1       Section 3. Each applicant for original appointment to any  
2 position in the competitive class in any bureau of police in any  
3 city of the second class shall undergo a physical examination,  
4 subsequent to a mental examination but prior to appointment,  
5 which shall be conducted by a commission composed of doctors of  
6 medicine appointed for that purpose by the mayor. Said  
7 commission shall certify to the civil service commission that  
8 the applicant is free from bodily or mental defects, deformity  
9 or disease that might incapacitate him from the performance of  
10 the duties of the position he is seeking. No application for  
11 such appointment shall be received from any person who is under  
12 eighteen years of age or over thirty-five years of age at the  
13 date of his application. A person applying for appointment shall  
14 not be required to be a resident of the city at the time of  
15 application for original appointment. The person [shall] may,  
16 however, be required to become a bona fide resident of the city  
17 at the time of employment, and [city residency must be  
18 maintained] to maintain city residency for the entire period of  
19 employment. Any applicant for reinstatement as a member of the  
20 bureau of police who shall have served as an employe in such  
21 bureau of police for a period of more than six months[, and who  
22 at the time of his application for reinstatement shall be a  
23 resident of such city,] shall be eligible for such  
24 reinstatement, even though such applicant shall be over the age  
25 of thirty-five years.

26       All original appointments to the position of police officer  
27 in the bureau of police shall be for a probationary period of  
28 six months. If at any time during the probationary period the  
29 conduct or capacity of the probationer has not been satisfactory  
30 to the appointing officer, the probationer shall be notified, in

1 writing, that he will not receive absolute appointment,  
2 whereupon his employment shall cease; otherwise, his retention  
3 in the service shall be equivalent to final appointment.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.