

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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MANDERINO, DECEMBER 13, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 13, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 18, 1974 (P.L.359, No.120), entitled  
2 "An act creating the Municipal Police Officers' Education and  
3 Training Commission; providing for the commission's  
4 membership, selection, compensation, and removal; providing  
5 for the powers and duties of the commission; providing for  
6 the appointment and duties of the chairman; providing for the  
7 act's applicability to the civil service laws; requiring  
8 training by certain political subdivisions and police  
9 departments; providing penalties for violation thereof; and  
10 making an appropriation," providing for mandatory and uniform  
11 photo identification cards for all certified municipal police  
12 officers.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 2(8) of the act of June 18, 1974  
16 (P.L.359, No.120), referred to as the Municipal Police Education  
17 and Training Law, amended June 28, 1993 (P.L.174, No.35), is  
18 amended to read:

19 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act:

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1 (8) "Certification" means the assignment of a certification  
2 number and certification photo identification card bearing that  
3 number to a police officer after successful completion of a  
4 mandatory basic training course or receipt of a waiver of basic  
5 training from the commission and successful completion of  
6 mandatory in-service training. Certification is for a period of  
7 two years. New photo identification cards shall be issued with  
8 each recertification.

9 Section 2. Section 5(13) of the act, amended December 21,  
10 1988 (P.L.1865, No.180), is amended to read:

11 Section 5. Powers and Duties of the Commission.--The powers  
12 and duties of the commission shall be as follows:

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14 (13) To certify police officers who have satisfactorily  
15 completed basic educational and training requirements as  
16 established by the commission and to issue appropriate  
17 certificates and photo identification cards to such police  
18 officers. The production of municipal police officer  
19 certification cards shall be the responsibility of the  
20 commission. The certification shall be designed to carry a photo  
21 image of the officer and shall be processed at no charge to the  
22 officer. The commission shall contract with vendors responsible  
23 for storing photo images for the Department of Transportation to  
24 produce the municipal police officers' photo identification  
25 cards. The images collected for the purpose of producing photo  
26 drivers' licenses shall be made available to the commission for  
27 its sole purpose of producing police identification cards. The  
28 word "Police" and the photo shall be given primary placement on  
29 the card to make recognition of the officer as a certified  
30 police officer apparent. Other identifying information shall

1 include, but not be limited to, department name and  
2 certification expiration date. All certified municipal police  
3 officers shall carry the municipal police officer certification  
4 card and shall use the municipal police officer certification  
5 card as the primary form of identification along with the badge.

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7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.