

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HAHN, BENNINGHOFF, K. BOYLE, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, FARRY, GEIST, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, M. K. KELLER, KILLION, KULA, MARSHALL, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, PETRARCA, PYLE, QUINN, REICHLEY, SWANGER, TAYLOR AND YOUNGBLOOD, DECEMBER 5, 2011

SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and
3 duties of Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training
4 Commission.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2164(15) of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY
9 ADDING PARAGRAPHS to read:

10 § 2164. Powers and duties of commission.

11 The powers and duties of the commission shall be as follows:

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13 (3.1) TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE CERTIFICATION OF A POLICE
14 OFFICER OR THE APPROVAL OF AN INSTRUCTOR FOR A VIOLATION OF
15 37 PA. CODE CH. 203 (RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF THE
16 PROGRAM). A HEARING EXAMINER APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION



1 SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION WHETHER THE CERTIFICATION
2 OF A POLICE OFFICER OR THE APPROVAL OF AN INSTRUCTOR SHALL BE
3 SUSPENDED OR REVOKED. IN THE CASE OF A SUSPENSION, THE
4 HEARING EXAMINER SHALL RECOMMEND A PERIOD OF SUSPENSION. IF
5 THE COMMISSION SUSPENDS THE CERTIFICATION OF A POLICE OFFICER
6 OR THE APPROVAL OF AN INSTRUCTOR, THE POLICE OFFICER OR THE
7 INSTRUCTOR MAY REAPPLY FOR CERTIFICATION OR APPROVAL NO
8 SOONER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF SUSPENSION. A POLICE
9 OFFICER WHOSE CERTIFICATION WAS REVOKED PRIOR TO THE
10 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY APPLY TO THE COMMISSION
11 FOR REINSTATEMENT. THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP STANDARDS TO
12 DETERMINE WHETHER CERTIFICATION SHOULD BE REINSTATED.

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14 (15) With respect to mandatory basic training:

15 (i) To grant waivers of mandatory basic training to
16 police officers who have successfully completed previous
17 equivalent training or who have acceptable full-time
18 ~~police~~ experience, or both. ←

19 (ii) To grant waivers of portions of mandatory basic
20 training to Federal law enforcement officers and military
21 police officers who have successfully completed previous
22 equivalent training. In order to be certified by the
23 commission, Federal law enforcement officers and military
24 police officers shall fulfill basic police training
25 requirements and meet the minimum standards required for
26 certification.

27 (16) TO ASSESS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ←
28 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
29 OTHER STATE, COMMUNITY OR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES
30 THAT HAVE EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

1 (TBI) AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD), THE TRAINING
2 NEEDS OF POLICE OFFICERS ON RECOGNIZING AND INTERACTING WITH
3 VETERANS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM TBI OR PTSD.
4 SHOULD THE COMMISSION DETERMINE THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR
5 SPECIALIZED TRAINING ON TBI AND PTSD, THE COMMISSION SHALL
6 DEVELOP A TRAINING COURSE THAT SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL
7 POLICE OFFICERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THIS
8 COMMONWEALTH.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~
10 IMMEDIATELY.

