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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1572 Session of  
2012

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, PIPPY AND RAFFERTY, JUNE 22, 2012

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REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, JUNE 22, 2012

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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:

22 Section 3. Each applicant for original appointment to any

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

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

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

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.