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S.B. No. 342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to eligibility requirements for a beginning position in a
3 police department in certain municipalities under municipal civil
4 service.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 143.105, Local Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 143.105. ELIGIBILITY FOR BEGINNING POSITION IN POLICE
9 DEPARTMENT. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements
10 prescribed by Section 143.023, to be certified as eligible for a
11 beginning position with a police department, a person must ~~+~~

12 ~~(1)~~ be at least 21 years of age at the end of the
13 probationary period and have: ~~+~~

14 (1) ~~(2) have~~ served in the United States armed
15 forces and received an honorable discharge; ~~or~~

16 (2) ~~(3) have~~ earned at least 60 hours' credit in any
17 area of study at an accredited college or university; or

18 (3) been employed full-time for at least five years as
19 a peace officer licensed by:

20 (A) the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
21 Standards and Education; or

22 (B) an acceptable licensing entity in another
23 state that has law enforcement officer licensing requirements
24 substantially equivalent to those of Chapter 1701, Occupations

1 Code.

2 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
3 to a certification of eligibility for a beginning position in a
4 police department that occurs on or after the effective date of this
5 Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.