

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2989
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Public Safety
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, peace officers who are honorably retired can have their licenses reactivated without having to take the state examination.

H.B. 2989 makes provisions relating to the reactivation of a peace officer license for retired peace officers applicable to a person previously licensed as a peace officer who holds an advanced proficiency certificate.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education in SECTION 1 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2989 amends the Occupations Code to require the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to adopt rules for the reactivation after a break in employment of the license of a person previously licensed as a peace officer who holds an advanced proficiency certificate based on law enforcement training, education, and experience, in addition to rules adopted for the reactivation of the license of a retired peace officer, and makes conforming changes in provisions relating to the reactivation process and waiver of the reinstatement fee established for the reactivation. The bill clarifies that a person previously licensed as a peace officer who holds an advanced proficiency certificate is ineligible for reactivation of a peace officer license if the person's peace officer license was previously revoked.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2009.