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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1193 (Chair, Judiciary Committee) (By Request – Departmental –  
Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Judiciary

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**Police Training Commission - Lapse of Certification**

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This departmental bill repeals the three-year period specified for automatic lapse of certification of a police officer and allows the Police Training Commission to set the period for the term and lapse of certification.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The Police Training Commission currently has the resources to issue certification cards on an annual basis.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Police Training Commission must renew the certification of police officers in Maryland every three years after the date of the previous certification.

**Background:** The Police Training Commission issues new certification cards to police officers in Maryland every three years on a staggered basis. The certification of approximately one-third of Maryland's 16,000 police officers is renewed annually based on the officer's birth month. However, completion of required in-service and firearms

training is done annually. This bill would allow the commission to match the issuance of certification documents on the same annual timeline as the completion of required training.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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