

HOUSE BILL 908

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By: **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Angel, Morales, and Tarlau**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Police Training and Standards Commission – Police Officer Certification –**
3 **Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for certain individuals to be
5 certified by the Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to
6 include certain individuals who are lawfully admitted as permanent residents of the
7 United States; and generally relating to police officer certification.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Public Safety
10 Section 3–209
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 3–209.

17 (a) The Commission shall certify as a police officer each individual who:

18 (1) (i) satisfactorily meets the standards of the Commission; or

19 (ii) provides the Commission with sufficient evidence that the
20 individual has satisfactorily completed a training program in another state of equal quality
21 and content as required by the Commission;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) submits to a psychological evaluation by a psychologist approved by the
2 Commission; [and]

3 (3) submits to a criminal history records check in accordance with §
4 3–209.1 of this subtitle; AND

5 **(4) (I) IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN; OR**

6 **(II) IS LAWFULLY ADMITTED AS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF**
7 **THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (b) The Commission may certify as a police officer an individual who is not
9 considered a police officer under § 3–201(f)(3) of this subtitle if the individual meets the
10 selection and training standards of the Commission.

11 (c) Each certificate issued to a police officer under this subtitle remains the
12 property of the Commission.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2017.