

HOUSE BILL 1526

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Police Officer**
3 **Certification – Eligibility**
4 **(Freedom to Serve Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for an individual to be certified by
6 the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to
7 require an individual to be either a United States citizen or a permanent legal
8 resident of the United States who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
9 States armed forces; and generally relating to police officer certification.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 3–209
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 3–209.

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

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

21 (ii) provides the Commission with sufficient evidence that the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 individual has satisfactorily completed a training program in another state of equal quality
2 and content as required by the Commission;

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

5 (3) submits to a criminal history records check in accordance with §
6 3-209.1 of this subtitle; AND

7 (4) (I) IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN; OR

8 (II) IS A PERMANENT LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
9 AND AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED
10 FORCES.

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

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

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2018.