AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law authorizing a member of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to designate a certain representative to act at a certain meeting to the same effect as if the member were personally present to require that the designation be made in writing; providing that the Secretary of State Police is the chair of the Commission; requiring the Commission to conduct certain job task analyses at certain intervals; altering and reorganizing provisions of law relating to the powers and duties of the Commission; altering provisions of law that require the Commission to develop certain standards, programs, best practices, systems, and regulations to instead require the Commission to maintain certain standards, programs, best practices, systems, and regulations; requiring the Commission to post certain information on its website; providing that a law enforcement agency may employ an individual as a police officer for a certain period only if the individual is certified by the Commission; providing that a law enforcement agency may employ an individual as a police officer for a certain period only if the individual is provisionally certified by the Commission; requiring a certain individual to submit to a medical evaluation to be certified as a police officer; substituting the term “certification card” for “certificate”; altering a provision of law providing for the submission of fingerprints to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository as part of an application for certification as a police officer; altering a provision of law relating to the lapse of a police officer’s certification from the Commission; requiring the Commission to hold a certain hearing within a certain period of time after receiving a request for a hearing by a certain police officer; repealing a requirement that the Commission follow certain...
procedures and that a police officer is entitled to certain rights during a certain hearing; repealing a requirement that the Commission order a certain law enforcement agency to pay certain costs and fees; authorizing the Commission to suspend or revoke the certification of a police officer if the police officer has been convicted of certain crimes; altering a provision of law relating to the recall of the certification card of a police officer by the Commission; altering a provision of law relating to the recertification of a police officer whose certification has been revoked; repealing certain provisions relating to certification of nonfull-time police officers; making clarifying changes; altering certain definitions; defining a certain term; making conforming and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–201(a) and (b) and 3–202
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–201(e)
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–201(e) through (g), 3–203(c), 3–204, 3–207, 3–209, 3–209.1, and 3–211 through 3–215
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing

   Article – Public Safety
   Section 3–210 and 3–216
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

   Article – Public Safety

3–201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
(b) “Commission” means the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission.

(E) “MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL” MEANS A PERSON CERTIFIED OR LICENSED TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(F) “Motorcycle profiling” means the arbitrary use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle–related clothing or paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop, question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search the individual or vehicle.

(G) (1) “Police officer” means an individual who:

   (i) is authorized to enforce the general criminal laws of the State;

   (ii) is a member of one of the following law enforcement agencies:

       1. the Department of State Police;
       2. the Police Department of Baltimore City;
       3. the police department, bureau, or force of a county;
       4. the police department, bureau, or force of a municipal corporation;
       5. the Maryland Transit Administration police force;
       6. the Maryland Transportation Authority Police;
       7. the police forces of the University System of Maryland;
       8. the police force of Morgan State University;
       9. the office of the sheriff of a county;
       10. the police forces of the Department of Natural Resources;
       11. the police force of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services;
       12. the police force of a State, county, or municipal corporation if the special police officers are appointed under Subtitle 3 of this title;
       13. the Housing Authority of Baltimore City Police Force;
14. the Baltimore City School Police Force;
15. the Crofton Police Department;
16. the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Force;
17. the Ocean Pines Police Department;
18. the police force of the Baltimore City Community College;
19. the police force of the Hagerstown Community College;
20. the parole and probation employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department who are authorized to make arrests;
21. the police force of the Anne Arundel Community College;
22. the police department of the Johns Hopkins University established in accordance with Title 24, Subtitle 12 of the Education Article.

(2) “Police officer” includes:

(i) a member of the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller’s Office;
(ii) a member of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission;
(iii) the State Fire Marshal or a deputy State fire marshal;
(iv) an investigator of the Intelligence and Investigative Division of the Department;
(v) a Montgomery County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.1 of the Criminal Procedure Article;
(vi) an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.2 of the Criminal Procedure Article;
(vii) a Prince George’s County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.3 of the Criminal Procedure Article;
(viii) a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.4 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

(ix) a City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.5 of the Criminal Procedure Article; and

(x) a Howard County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.6 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

(3) “Police officer” does not include:

(i) an individual who serves as a police officer only because the individual occupies another office or position;

(ii) a sheriff, the Secretary of State Police, a commissioner of police, a deputy or assistant commissioner of police, a chief of police, a deputy or assistant chief of police, or another individual with an equivalent title who is appointed or employed by a government to exercise equivalent supervisory authority; or

(iii) a member of the Maryland National Guard who:

1. is under the control and jurisdiction of the Military Department;

2. is assigned to the military property designated as the Martin State Airport; and

3. is charged with exercising police powers in and for the Martin State Airport.

[(g)] (H) “SPECIAL TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM” means an agency–designated unit of law enforcement officers who are selected, trained, and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex, or unusual that they may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units.

There is a Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, which is an independent commission that functions in the Department.

(c) Except for [the appointed members] A MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, a member of the Commission may serve personally at a Commission meeting or may designate, IN WRITING, a representative from the member’s unit, agency, or association who may act at any meeting to the same effect as if the member were personally present.
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3–204.

(A) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE IS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

(B) The Commission annually shall elect a [chair and] vice chair from among its members.

3–207.

(a) The Commission [has the following powers and duties] SHALL:

(1) [to] establish standards for the approval and continuation of approval of schools EACH SCHOOL that conduct CONDUCTS police entrance–level and in–service training courses required by the Commission, including EACH State, regional, county, and municipal training schools SCHOOL;

(2) CONDUCT JOB TASK ANALYSES FOR ENTRANCE–LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS EVERY 10 YEARS BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021;

(3) [to] approve and issue certificates of approval to police training schools;

(4) [to] inspect police training schools;

(5) [to] revoke, for cause, the approval or certificate of approval issued to a police training school;

(6) [to] establish the following for police training schools:

(i) curriculum;

(ii) minimum courses of study;

(iii) attendance requirements;

(iv) eligibility requirements;

(v) equipment and facilities;

(vi) standards of operation; and

(vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

(6) to require, for entrance–level police training and at least every 3 years for in–service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal
police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include special
training, attention to, and study of the application and enforcement of:

(i) the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses, including
the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and related evidentiary procedures;

(ii) the criminal laws concerning human trafficking, including
services and support available to victims and the rights and appropriate treatment of
victims;

(iii) the criminal laws concerning hate crimes, including the
recognition of, response to, and reporting of incidents required to be reported under §
2–307 of this article;

(iv) the contact with and treatment of victims of crimes and
delinquent acts;

(v) the notices, services, support, and rights available to victims and
victims’ representatives under State law; and

(vi) the notification of victims of identity fraud and related crimes of
their rights under federal law;]

(7) [to] certify [and issue appropriate certificates to] qualified instructors
for police training schools authorized by the Commission to offer police training programs;

(8) [to] verify that police officers have satisfactorily completed [training
programs and issue diplomas to those police officers] ENTRANCE–LEVEL TRAINING
PROGRAMS;

(9) [to] conduct and operate police training schools authorized by the
Commission to offer police training programs;

(10) [to] make a continuous study of entrance–level and in–service training
methods and procedures;

[(11) to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized federal,
State, or municipal law enforcement agency or educational institution;

(12) to consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and institutions in
the State to develop specialized courses of study for police officers in police science and
police administration;

(13) to consult and cooperate with other agencies and units of the State
concerned with police training;]
(14) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a uniform missing person report form to be available for use by each law enforcement agency of the State on or before October 1, 2008;]

(11) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15 EACH YEAR, POST ON THE COMMISSION’S WEBSITE AND NOTIFY EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE STATE OF:

(I) ALL TRAINING TOPICS DESCRIBED IN ITEMS (14) THROUGH (16) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(II) ALL TRAINING TOPICS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR;

(12) VERIFY THAT POLICE OFFICERS CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION MAINTAIN A CURRENT CERTIFICATION IN LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION;

(13) CONSULT WITH ANY RECOGNIZED FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, INSTITUTION THAT SPECIALIZES IN COURSES OF STUDY FOR POLICE OFFICERS, OR AGENCY OR UNIT OF THE STATE INVOLVED IN POLICE TRAINING;

[(15)] (14) [to] require, for entrance–level police training and annually for in–service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include, for police officers who are issued an electronic control device by a law enforcement agency, special training in the proper use of electronic control devices, as defined in § 4–109 of the Criminal Law Article, consistent with established law enforcement standards and federal and State constitutional provisions;

[(16) to require, for entrance–level police training and, as determined by the Commission, for in–service level training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include, consistent with established law enforcement standards and federal and State constitutional provisions:

(i) training in lifesaving techniques, including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR);

(ii) training in the proper level and use of force;

(iii) training regarding sensitivity to cultural and gender diversity; and
(iv) training regarding individuals with physical, intellectual, developmental, and psychiatric disabilities;]

[(17)] [(15)] to require, for entrance–level police training and at least every 2 years for in–service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include special training, attention to, and study of the application of antidiscrimination and use of force de–escalation training;

[(18) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, and the Federal Trade Commission, a uniform identity fraud reporting form that:

(i) makes transmitted data available on or before October 1, 2011, for use by each law enforcement agency of State and local government; and

(ii) may authorize the data to be transmitted to the Consumer Sentinel program in the Federal Trade Commission;

(19) to adopt and recommend a set of best practices and standards for use of force;]

(16) REQUIRE, FOR ENTRANCE–LEVEL POLICE TRAINING AND AT LEAST EVERY 3 YEARS FOR IN–SERVICE LEVEL POLICE TRAINING CONDUCTED BY THE STATE AND EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, THAT THE CURRICULUM AND MINIMUM COURSES OF STUDY INCLUDE SPECIAL TRAINING, ATTENTION TO, AND STUDY OF:

(I) THE CRIMINAL LAWS CONCERNING RAPE AND SEXUAL OFFENSES, INCLUDING THE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND RELATED EVIDENTIARY PROCEDURES;

(II) THE CRIMINAL LAWS CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INCLUDING SERVICES AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS AND THE RIGHTS AND APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF VICTIMS;

(III) THE CONTACT WITH AND TREATMENT OF VICTIMS OF CRIMES AND DELINQUENT ACTS;

(IV) THE NOTICES, SERVICES, SUPPORT, AND RIGHTS AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS AND VICTIMS’ REPRESENTATIVES UNDER STATE LAW;

(V) THE NOTIFICATION OF VICTIMS OF Identity FRAUD AND RELATED CRIMES OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW;
(VI) TRAINING IN THE USE OF FORCE AND DE-ESCALATION, AND
THE DUTY OF A POLICE OFFICER TO INTERVENE WHEN THE POLICE OFFICER
OBSERVES ANOTHER OFFICER USING FORCE THAT IS EXCESSIVE OR VIOLATES THE
USE OF FORCE POLICIES OF THE STATE OR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT
EMPLOYS THE POLICE OFFICER;

(VII) TRAINING IN THE RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION OF
DISCRIMINATION BASED ON:

1. RACE;
2. COLOR;
3. RELIGION OR CREED;
4. NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ANCESTRY;
5. SEX;
6. SEXUAL ORIENTATION;
7. GENDER IDENTITY;
8. AGE;
9. PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY;
10. MARITAL STATUS;
11. VETERAN STATUS;
12. GENETIC INFORMATION;
13. CITIZENSHIP; OR
14. CULTURE; AND

(VIII) ALL ASPECTS OF PROFILING, INCLUDING:

1. PROFILING IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL IS IMPROPERLY
TARGETED AS A SUSPECT OF A CRIME BECAUSE OF THE PERSON’S RACE, ETHNICITY,
RELIGION, OR OTHER IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTIC;
2. PROFILING IN WHICH A SUSPECT’S RACE, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, OR OTHER IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTIC HAS BEEN REPORTED DURING THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION; AND

3. MOTORCYCLE PROFILING;

[(20)] (17) to evaluate and modernize recruitment standards and practices of law enforcement agencies to increase diversity within those law enforcement agencies and develop strategies for recruiting women and African American, Hispanic or Latino, and other minority candidates;

[(21)] (18) to develop MAINTAIN standards for the mandatory psychological consultation with a law enforcement officer who was actively involved in an incident when another person was seriously injured or killed as a result of an accident or a shooting or has returned from combat deployment;

[(22)] (19) to require:

(i) REQUIRE, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021, a statement condemning motorcycle profiling to be included in existing written policies regarding other profiling; [and

(ii) for entrance–level police training and for in–service level training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include, consistent with established law enforcement standards and federal and State constitutional provisions, training related to motorcycle profiling in conjunction with existing training regarding other profiling;]

[(23)] (20) to perform any other act, including adopting regulations, that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission under this subtitle; and

[(24)] (21) to consult and cooperate with commanders of SWAT teams to develop MAINTAIN standards for training and deployment of [SWAT] SPECIAL TACTICAL RESPONSE teams and of law enforcement officers [who are not members of a SWAT team] who conduct no–knock warrant service in the State based on best practices in the State and nationwide.

(b) (1) The Commission shall [develop] MAINTAIN a system by which law enforcement agencies report to the Commission on the number of serious officer–involved incidents each year, the number of officers disciplined each year, and the type of discipline administered to those officers.

(2) The Commission shall annually summarize the information submitted by law enforcement agencies and:
(i) **On or before March 31 each year,** post the summary, excluding the names of officers and other involved parties, on a website maintained by the Commission; and

(ii) submit the summary to the General Assembly, as provided in § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

(c) **(1)** In consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Commission shall establish a confidential hotline that is available for police officers and other law enforcement personnel to contact and speak with a trained peer law enforcement officer or a mental health professional who may provide initial counseling advice and confidential referral to appropriate services.

**(2) The Commission shall post on its website information regarding the confidential hotline established under this subsection.**

(d) The Commission shall:

(1) **[establish] Maintain** a Police Complaint Mediation Program to which a law enforcement agency may refer a nonviolent complaint made against a police officer out of the standard complaint process;

(2) refer a complaint referred to the Program to voluntary mediation conducted by an independent mediation service; and

(3) **[adopt] Maintain** regulations to implement the Program, including criteria concerning eligibility for referral of complaints.

(e) **(1)** The Commission shall **[develop] annually review and update as appropriate** best practices for the establishment and implementation of a community policing program in each jurisdiction.

(2) The Commission shall **[develop] maintain** a system by which each local law enforcement agency annually files a detailed description of the law enforcement agency's community policing program.

(3) The Commission shall annually:

(i) review each community policing program filed in accordance with § 3–517 of this title; and

(ii) provide each agency with any comments that the Commission has to improve the agency’s community policing program.

(f) **(1)** The Commission shall **[develop] maintain** a uniform citizen complaint process to be followed by each law enforcement agency.
(2) The uniform complaint process shall:

(i) be simple;

(ii) require that a complainant be informed of the final disposition of the complainant’s complaint and any discipline imposed as a result; and

(iii) be posted on the websites of the Commission and each law enforcement agency.

(g) The Commission shall [develop] MAINTAIN and administer a training program on the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights and matters relating to police procedures for citizens who intend to qualify to participate as a member of a hearing board under § 3–107 of this title.

(h) The Commission shall distribute the victim’s representation notification form developed by the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services under § 12–206.1(e) of the Transportation Article to each law enforcement agency in the State.

(i) The Commission, in consultation with the Maryland State’s Attorneys’ Association, shall develop and maintain a uniform, statewide training and certification curriculum to ensure use of best practices in investigating compliance with court orders to surrender regulated firearms, rifles, and shotguns under § 6–234 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

3–209.

(a) **A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL AS A POLICE OFFICER FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING 1 YEAR ONLY IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION.**

(2) **A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL AS A POLICE OFFICER FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR ONLY IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS PROVISIONALLY CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION.**

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

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

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

(2) submits to a psychological evaluation;
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(3) SUBMITS TO A MEDICAL EVALUATION;

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

[(4)] (5) (i) is a United States citizen; or

(ii) subject to subsection [(b)] (C) of this section, is a permanent legal resident of the United States and an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces, provided that the individual has applied to obtain United States citizenship and the application is still pending approval.

[(b)] (C) The certification of a police officer who fails to obtain United States citizenship as required by subsection [(a)(4)(ii)] (B)(5)(II) of this section shall be [terminated] REVOKED by the Commission.

[(c)] (D) The Commission may certify as a police officer an individual who is not considered a police officer under [§ 3–201(f)(3)] § 3–201(G)(3) of this subtitle if the individual meets the selection and training standards of the Commission.

[(d)] (E) Each [certificate] CERTIFICATION CARD issued to a police officer under this subtitle remains the property of the Commission.

3–209.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Applicant” means an individual who is seeking certification as a police officer.

(3) “Central Repository” means the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(b) An applicant for certification as a police officer shall apply to the Central Repository for a State and national criminal history records check.

(c) As part of the application for a criminal history records check, an applicant shall submit to the Central Repository:

(1) a complete set of legible fingerprints [taken on forms] IN A MANNER approved by the Director of the Central Repository and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation[,] AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER § 10–221 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COLLECTION OF FEES FOR OBTAINING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION.
[2] the fee authorized under § 10–221(b)(7) of the Criminal Procedure Article for access to Maryland criminal history records; and

(3) the processing fee required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check.]

(d) In accordance with §§ 10–201 through 10–229 of the Criminal Procedure Article, the Central Repository shall forward to the Commission and the applicant a printed statement of the applicant’s criminal history record information.

(e) Information obtained from the Central Repository under this section:

(1) shall be confidential;

(2) may not be redisseminated; and

(3) may be used only for the [licensing] CERTIFICATION purpose authorized by this title.

(f) The subject of a criminal history records check under this section may contest the contents of the printed statement issued by the Central Repository as provided in § 10–223 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

(g) If criminal history record information is reported to the Central Repository after the date of the initial criminal history records check, the Central Repository shall provide to the Commission a revised statement of the applicant’s or certified police officer’s State criminal history record.

[3–210.]

(a) The certification of a police officer automatically lapses 3 years after the date of the previous certification.

(b) If the certification of a police officer lapses, the police officer may apply for recertification immediately.

(c) The Commission may recertify a police officer after the certification of the police officer lapses.]

3–211.

(a) THE CERTIFICATION OF A POLICE OFFICER SHALL LAPSE ON JUNE 30 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR FOLLOWING THE MOST RECENT CERTIFICATION UNLESS THE OFFICER HAS SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 3–209 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
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(B) If the certification of a police officer is in danger of lapsing or has lapsed because of the failure of the police officer to meet the standards of the Commission, the police officer may request a hearing before the Commission to present evidence that:

(1) the police officer’s law enforcement agency unreasonably failed to provide the police officer with the required training or assigned the police officer to special duty that prevented the police officer from completing the required training to achieve this certification; and

(2) this failure is through no fault of the police officer.

[(b) (1)] (C) On request of the police officer for a hearing under this section, the Commission shall hold a hearing WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE REQUEST.

[(2) For purposes of this subsection, the Commission shall follow the procedures required for a hearing board under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights and the police officer is entitled to all of the rights provided under the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights.]

[(c) (D) If the Commission concludes that the police officer’s law enforcement agency unreasonably failed to provide the police officer with the required training or assigned the police officer to special duty that prevented the police officer from completing the required training to achieve certification:

(1) the Commission shall stay the lapse of the certification until the police officer and the police officer’s law enforcement agency meet the training requirements of the Commission; AND

(2) the police officer shall be retained in the police officer’s law enforcement agency at full pay pending the completion of the training; and

(3) the Commission shall order the police officer’s law enforcement agency to pay all reasonable hearing costs and attorney’s fees incurred as a result of the action].

3–212.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Commission may suspend or revoke the certification of a police officer if the police officer:

(1) violates or fails to meet the Commission’s standards; [or]

(2) knowingly fails to report suspected child abuse in violation of § 5–704 of the Family Law Article;

(3) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY; OR
(4) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR THAT CARRIES A STATUTORY PENALTY OF MORE THAN 1 YEAR.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article, before the Commission takes any final action under subsection (a) of this section, the Commission shall give the individual against whom the action is contemplated an opportunity for a hearing before the Commission.

(2) The Commission shall give notice and hold the hearing in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

(c) A police officer aggrieved by the findings and order of the Commission may take an appeal as allowed in §§ 10–222 and 10–223 of the State Government Article.

The Commission may recall the [certificate] CERTIFICATION CARD of a police officer if [the certification of the police officer is suspended or revoked for any of the following reasons]:

(1) the [certificate] CERTIFICATION CARD was issued by administrative error;

(2) the [certificate] CERTIFICATION CARD was obtained through misrepresentation or fraud; OR

(3) [the police officer has been convicted of a felony; or

(4) the police officer has been convicted of a misdemeanor for which a sentence of imprisonment exceeding 1 year may be imposed] THE CERTIFICATION OF THE POLICE OFFICER HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

(a) If the certification of a police officer is revoked, the police officer may not apply for recertification until 2 years after the effective date of the revocation order.

(b) The Commission may recertify an [individual] APPLICANT FOR RECERTIFICATION as a police officer NOT EARLIER THAN 2 YEARS after the [certification of the police officer is revoked] EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REVOCATION ORDER.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
(2) [“Permanent appointment” means the appointment of an individual who has satisfactorily met the minimum standards of the Commission and is certified as a police officer.

(3) “Police administrator” means a police officer who has been promoted to first-line administrative duties up to but not exceeding the rank of captain.

(4) “Police supervisor” means a police officer who has been promoted to first-line supervisory duties.]

FIRST LINE ADMINISTRATOR” MEANS A POLICE OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO FIRST LINE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AS DEFINED BY THE AGENCY THAT EMPLOYS THE POLICE OFFICER.

FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR” MEANS A POLICE OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO FIRST LINE SUPERVISORY DUTIES AS DEFINED BY THE AGENCY THAT EMPLOYS THE POLICE OFFICER.

(b) An individual may not be given or accept a probationary appointment or permanent appointment as a police officer, [police supervisor, or police administrator] FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR, OR FIRST LINE ADMINISTRATOR unless the individual satisfactorily meets the qualifications established by the Commission.

(c) A probationary appointment as a police officer, [police supervisor, or police administrator] FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR, OR FIRST LINE ADMINISTRATOR may be made for a period not exceeding 1 year to enable the individual seeking permanent appointment to take a training course required by this subtitle.

(d) A probationary appointee is entitled to a leave of absence with pay during the period of the training program.

3–216.

(a) A law enforcement agency may not employ an individual as a police officer for a period not exceeding 1 year unless the individual is certified by the Commission.

(b) (1) In this subsection, “nonfull–time police officer” means an individual who does not work in the law enforcement field at least 7 months during the calendar year.

(2) The certification requirements of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to the nonfull–time police officers of a law enforcement agency that:

(i) employs, during a calendar year, at least 70 full–time sworn police officers; and

(ii) employs at least 100 nonfull–time police officers.]
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.