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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

### Notice of Hearing for the Adoption, Amendment and Repeal Of Regulations of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:** The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (“Commission”) will be holding a Public Hearing at **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the Southpoint Hotel/Casino, 9777 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Napa Room A, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89183**. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption, amendment and/or repeal of regulations that pertain to Chapter 289 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

#### **1. The need for and purpose of the proposed amendment.**

Existing law requires the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission to adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection and training of peace officers. (NRS 289.510)

Under existing regulations, the basic certificate of a peace officer whose employment is terminated for any reason must be placed on inactive status. If such a person is again employed as a peace officer, existing regulations require the employing agency to request that the person’s basic certificate be returned to active status. If the peace officer is not employed again within 60 months of separation from employment, their basic certificate expires. Currently, if they choose to return to a peace officer position after 60 months, they must meet all requirements under NAC 289.200(1).

This regulation change will create a program that will allow Nevada peace officers that have been out of law enforcement for more than 60 months, but less than 10 years, a program they can attend to update their training and certification, without being required to attend a full entry level basic academy. This regulation change will allow law enforcement agencies to rehire experienced, knowledgeable officers to once again serve Nevada and its citizens.

Recruitment is continually an issue for law enforcement agencies in Nevada, and this will allow agencies the option to bring back experienced officers that can be beneficial to the agency.

#### **2. For a proposed temporary regulation, the terms, or the substance of the regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.**

This is a permanent regulation.

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**3. For a proposed permanent regulation, a statement explaining how to obtain the approved or revised text of the proposed regulation.**

The proposed regulation text may be obtained by going to the Register of Administrative Regulations for 2024 and clicking the link: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2024Register/R091-24P.pdf>, by contacting Chief Kathy Floyd at [kfloyd@post.state.nv.us](mailto:kfloyd@post.state.nv.us) or by telephone at 775-687-7678, ext. 3335 or going to the Nevada Commission on POST website at <https://post.nv.gov>.

**4. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and, in each case, must include:**

**(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**

- (1) Adverse effects: No adverse economic effects.
- (2) Beneficial effects: Greatly increase the pool of applicants and allow Nevada law enforcement agencies to hire experienced peace officers that want to return to the profession.

**(b) Both immediate and long-term effects:**

- (1) The immediate effects: Agencies will have a larger pool of applicants to fill vacant positions in the agency.
- (2) The long-term effects: Allow agency fill vacant positions with experienced law enforcement officers.

**5. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business.**

The Commission on POST has reviewed the text of the proposed regulations. Because the proposed regulation amends Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 289, dealing with the training and certification of peace officers, the proposed amendments to NAC Chapter 289 will have no impact on small business.

**6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.**

No estimated cost to the agency.

**7. A description of and citation to any regulations of other states or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.**

The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate any regulations of state, local or federal governmental agency regulating the same activity.

**8. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.**

The proposed regulation is not required by federal law.

**9. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provision.**

There are no federal regulations that regulate the same activity.

**10. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.**

This regulation does not involve or establish fees.

**11. For a temporary regulation, each address at which the text of the regulation may be inspected and copied.**

N/A

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Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (Commission on POST) may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to Michael D. Sherlock, Executive Director, Commission on POST, 5587 Wa Pai Shone Avenue, Carson City, Nevada 89701. **Written submissions must be received by the Commission on POST on or before 5:00 pm on September 30, 2024.** If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Commission on POST may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

This Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulations and the proposed regulation will be on file at the State Library, Archives and Public Records Administrator, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed will be available at the Commission on POST Administrative Offices, 5587 Wa Pai Shone Avenue, Carson City, 89701, for the inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://leg.state.nv.us>, the POST web site at <http://post.nv.gov> and the State of Nevada Department of Administration website at <https://notice.nv.gov>.

Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public at no charge upon request.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

The Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulations and the proposed regulation have been sent to all criminal justice agencies on the Commission on POST Listserv list and posted at the following locations:

**Commission on POST Administrative  
Office Carson City, NV 89701  
State Library, Archives and Public Records  
100 Stewart Street, Carson City**  
<http://post.nv.gov>  
<http://notice.nv.gov>  
<http://leg.state.nv.us>

NOTE: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Commission on POST, in writing, at 5587 Wa Pai Shone Avenue, Carson City, Nevada 89701, or call Chief Kathy Floyd at (775) 687-7678, Extension 3335, no later than five working days prior to the meeting.

**SEE ATTACHED COPIES OF THE PROPOSED  
REGULATIONS**

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE PEACE OFFICERS’  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

**LCB File No. R091-24**

May 31, 2024

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 289.510.

A REGULATION relating to peace officers; revising provisions relating to returning an inactive basic certificate to active status; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Commission to adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the certification, decertification, recruitment, selection and training of peace officers. (NRS 289.510) Under existing regulations, the basic certificate of a peace officer whose employment is terminated for any reason must be placed on inactive status. If such a person is again employed as a peace officer, existing regulations require the employing agency to request that the person’s basic certificate be returned to active status. With limited exception, if the certification of such a person is on inactive status for more than 5 consecutive years, existing regulations require the person to renew his or her basic certificate by successfully completing the requirements applicable to the initial issuance of a basic certificate. (NAC 289.200) This regulation increases, from 5 consecutive years to 10 consecutive years, the amount of time the basic certificate of a person must be on inactive status before the person is required to renew his or her basic certificate by successfully completing the requirements applicable to the initial issuance of a basic certificate. This regulation also establishes requirements for returning a basic certificate that has been on inactive status for at least 5 consecutive years but not more than 10 consecutive years to active status.

**Section 1.** NAC 289.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

289.200 1. The Executive Director shall award a basic certificate to any peace officer who meets the minimum standards for appointment established pursuant to NAC 289.110 and has:

- (a) Satisfactorily completed the basic training course for basic certification;
- (b) Passed the state certification examination with a score of at least 70 percent; and

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(c) Passed the state physical fitness examination for the appropriate category of peace officer as described in NAC 289.205.

2. The Executive Director may award a basic certificate to any peace officer who has been certified by the certifying entity of another state or has successfully completed a Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers of the United States Department of Homeland Security training program approved by the Commission and who meets the minimum standards for appointment established pursuant to NAC 289.110 if:

(a) The Commission or its designee has determined that the course of training required for the certification was at least equivalent to the basic training course for basic certification;

(b) The certification of the peace officer in the other jurisdiction has not been revoked or suspended;

(c) Not more than 60 months have lapsed since the peace officer was employed in the other jurisdiction;

(d) The peace officer has satisfactorily completed a training course that is approved by the Executive Director which consists of a minimum of 80 hours of training that satisfies the requirements established by the Commission pursuant to subsection 1 of NAC 289.300 in:

(1) Abuse of older persons;

(2) Child abuse and sexual abuse of a child;

(3) Civil liability;

(4) Classification and receiving of offenders;

(5) Constitutional law;

(6) Counter-terrorism and weapons of mass destruction;

(7) Crimes against persons;

- (8) Crimes against property;
- (9) Cultural awareness;
- (10) Domestic violence, stalking and aggravated stalking;
- (11) Ethics in law enforcement;
- (12) Fire safety and use of emergency equipment;
- (13) Games offenders play;
- (14) Gangs and cults;
- (15) Juvenile law;
- (16) Laws relating to arrest;
- (17) Laws relating to correctional institutions;
- (18) Laws relating to drugs, including, without limitation, current trends in drugs;
- (19) Miscellaneous crimes;
- (20) Modern correctional philosophy;
- (21) Probable cause;
- (22) Public and media relations;
- (23) Records of offenders in institutions;
- (24) Rights of victims;
- (25) Search and seizure;
- (26) Searches of offender institutions;
- (27) Supervision of offenders;
- (28) Training concerning active assailants; and
- (29) Use of force;

(e) The peace officer passes the state certification examination with a score of at least 70 percent; and

(f) The peace officer passes the state physical fitness examination for the appropriate category of peace officer as described in NAC 289.205.

3. The Executive Director may award a reserve basic certificate to any reserve officer who meets the minimum standards for appointment pursuant to NAC 289.110 and has:

(a) Satisfactorily completed the basic training course for a reserve certificate;

(b) Passed the state certification examination with a score of at least 70 percent; and

(c) Passed the state physical fitness examination described in subsection 1 of NAC 289.205.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or 6, an officer must pass the state physical fitness examination:

(a) If the officer is not eligible for certification pursuant to subsection 2 or for the return of his or her certificate to active status pursuant to subsection 9, during the officer's basic training course certified or approved pursuant to NAC 289.300; or

(b) If the officer is eligible for certification pursuant to subsection 2 or for the return of his or her certificate to active status pursuant to subsection 9, not sooner than 30 days before the date on which the officer was hired and not later than 16 weeks after:

(1) The date on which the officer was hired; or

(2) If the officer is a reserve officer, the date of activation of his or her reserve status.

5. If a student enrolled in a basic training course certified or approved pursuant to NAC 289.300 sustains a bona fide physical injury that renders him or her incapable of completing the requirements of the state physical fitness examination, an agency may submit a request for an extension of time for the student to complete the examination. The agency shall submit such a



request to the Executive Director. The request must include, without limitation, written verification by a physician that the student is incapable of completing the requirements of the state physical fitness examination. If the Executive Director determines that an extension of time is warranted, the Executive Director shall authorize an extension of time for a period not to exceed 12 months after the date on which the student was hired or, if the student is a reserve officer, the date of activation of his or her reserve status.

6. If an officer passes the state physical fitness examination:

(a) While not enrolled in a basic training course certified or approved pursuant to NAC 289.300; and

(b) More than 16 weeks, but less than 12 months, after the date on which the officer was hired or, if the officer is a reserve officer, the date of activation of his or her reserve status, ↪ the employing agency of the officer may submit a request to the Executive Director to waive the requirements of subsection 4. The request must include, without limitation, the reason the officer was unable to pass the state physical fitness examination within the periods described in subsection 4. The Executive Director may, for good cause shown, grant a request submitted pursuant to this subsection.

7. Upon satisfactory completion of the requirements listed in subsection 1, 2 or 3, the employing agency shall submit a request for certification to the Executive Director. The request must include:

(a) The name, social security number and date of hire of the officer or, if the officer is a reserve officer, the date of activation of his or her reserve status;

(b) Documentary evidence that the officer has successfully completed an approved basic training course;

(c) Verification by the administrator of the agency that the officer meets the minimum standards established by this chapter; and

(d) The statement concerning child support prescribed by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.520.

8. The basic certificate of an officer whose employment is terminated for any reason will be placed on inactive status. If such a person is again employed as a peace officer, the employing agency shall request that the person's basic certificate be returned to active status. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 9, if the certification of such a person is on inactive status for :

*(a) Less than 5 consecutive years, the Executive Director shall return the basic certificate of the peace officer to active status upon the request of the employing agency.*

*(b) At least 5 consecutive years but not more than ~~15~~ 10 consecutive years, the Executive Director may return the basic certificate of the peace officer to active status upon the request of the employing agency if the Commission has not revoked or suspended the certificate of the peace officer for any cause set forth in subsection 1 of NAC 289.290 and the peace officer:*

*(1) Meets the minimum standards for appointment established pursuant to NAC 289.110;*

*(2) Successfully completes a recertification course provided by the Commission; and*

*(3) Satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (b) to (e), inclusive, of subsection 5 of NAC 289.230 and demonstrates a minimum level of proficiency in the use of each type of firearm he or she is authorized to use before commencing or resuming his or her duties as a peace officer.*

*(c) More than 10 consecutive years, the person must renew his or her basic certificate by successfully completing the requirements set forth in subsection 1.*

9. Upon the request of the employing agency, the Executive Director may return the basic certificate of a category I or category II peace officer to active status if the peace officer:

(a) Meets the minimum standards for appointment established pursuant to NAC 289.110;

(b) Successfully completes the requirements set forth in paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subsection 2; and

(c) Within 5 consecutive years of his or her termination of employment as a category I or category II peace officer, became a full-time employee of the Commission or a full-time law enforcement officer of a federal law enforcement agency approved by the Commission, and subsequently, within 5 consecutive years of his or her termination of employment with the Commission or federal law enforcement agency, as applicable, became employed as a peace officer in the same category of peace officer as he or she held immediately prior to his or her employment with the Commission or the federal law enforcement agency.

10. If a person who successfully completes a basic training course for the purpose of obtaining a basic certificate is not employed by an agency within 24 months after completing the course, the person must repeat all of the requirements for basic certification set forth in subsection 1.

11. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, to satisfactorily complete a basic training course for the purposes of this section, the person must successfully complete all of the requirements in one course. If a person is discharged from a basic training course for any reason that is not disciplinary, the person may complete any remaining requirements in a later course provided by the same entity if the person has not previously been discharged from a course and if:

(a) The administrator of the basic training course recommends that the person complete the requirements in a later course, the administrator of the employing agency of the person requests that the person be allowed to complete the requirements in a later course and the Executive Director gives approval;

(b) The subsequent course is provided in a manner which ensures that the person completes all of the requirements for a basic training course for which the course is certified; and

(c) The subsequent course begins not later than 120 days after the discharge.