
HOUSE BILL 2951

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1 AN ACT Relating to a firearms training certificate program for
2 retired law enforcement officers; and adding a new section to chapter
3 43.101 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The commission shall establish a program for issuing firearms
8 certificates to residents of Washington who are qualified retired law
9 enforcement officers for the purpose of satisfying the certification
10 requirements contained in the federal law enforcement officers safety
11 act of 2004 (118 Stat. 865; 18 U.S.C. Sec. 926B and 926C).

12 (2) Firearms training for qualified retired law enforcement
13 officers must meet the standards for training and qualification for
14 active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as
15 the firearm to be carried by the qualified retired law enforcement
16 officer.

17 (3) Firearms training for qualified retired law enforcement
18 officers must be provided by the commission, or by an organization, law
19 enforcement agency, or trainer approved by the commission. The

1 commission shall ensure that an applicant for a qualified retired law
2 enforcement officer firearms training certificate is able to obtain the
3 firearms training within a reasonable period of time after application
4 either by establishing a firearms training program for qualified
5 retired law enforcement officers or by approving a sufficient number of
6 organizations, law enforcement agencies, or trainers to provide the
7 firearms training.

8 (4) An application for a qualified retired law enforcement officer
9 firearms training certificate must be filed with the commission on a
10 form provided by the commission. The commission may require any
11 information and documentation that reasonably relates to the need to
12 determine whether the applicant qualifies for the firearms training
13 certificate. An applicant for a qualified retired law enforcement
14 officer firearms training certificate must meet the requirements
15 established in the federal law enforcement officers safety act of 2004
16 and must be eligible under state law to possess a firearm.

17 (5) An applicant for a qualified retired law enforcement officer
18 firearms training certificate is responsible for paying the costs of
19 the firearms training. The commission shall adopt rules establishing
20 the fees, training requirements, and procedures for obtaining and
21 annually renewing the firearms training certificate, and other rules
22 that are reasonable and necessary for the effective implementation and
23 administration of this section. The fee charged by the commission
24 shall cover the costs of administering the firearms training
25 certificate program, but in no case shall the fee exceed thirty-five
26 dollars.

27 (6) For the purposes of this section, "qualified retired law
28 enforcement officer" means a person who retired in good standing from
29 service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer, for reasons
30 other than mental or stress-related disabilities.

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