

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0085

Dispatcher employment standards.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Ross

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to law enforcement dispatchers; authorizing  
2 the peace officers standards and training commission to  
3 establish standards for employment of dispatchers as  
4 specified; providing for revocation of certification;  
5 conforming provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-702(f)(iv) and (v),  
10 9-1-703(b)(iv) and (ix), 9-1-704(a) and 9-1-708(a), by  
11 creating a new subsection (f) and by renumbering (f) as (g)  
12 are amended to read:

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14 **9-1-702. Created; membership; removal; compensation;**  
15 **meetings; publication of procedures; standards for**  
16 **certified training; powers and duties.**

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1 (f) The commission shall:

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3 (iv) Prescribe reasonable minimum qualifications  
4 relating solely to physical, mental and moral fitness for  
5 persons recruited, appointed or retained as peace officers  
6 or dispatchers by the state or a political subdivision;

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8 (v) Grant, suspend or revoke certification of  
9 peace officers and dispatchers for substantial failure to  
10 comply with this act or the rules of the commission,  
11 subject to the contested case procedures of the Wyoming  
12 Administrative Procedure Act.

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14 **9-1-703. Director; appointment; term; powers and**  
15 **duties.**

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17 (b) With the approval of the commission, the director  
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20 (iv) Certify peace officers and dispatchers who  
21 have satisfactorily completed the basic training programs  
22 as outlined in this act and issue appropriate certificates  
23 to peace officers and dispatchers;

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1           (ix) Report to the commission at regular  
2 meetings of the commission and at other times as required  
3 and recommend denial, suspension or revocation of  
4 certification of a peace officer or dispatcher to the  
5 commission as deemed necessary.

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7           **9-1-704. Qualifications for employment as a peace**  
8 **officer; loss of certification for felony conviction;**  
9 **termination from employment.**

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11           (a) Within fifteen (15) days after the appointment,  
12 termination, resignation or death of any peace officer or  
13 ~~detention officer~~ dispatcher, written notice thereof shall  
14 be given to the commission by the employing agency.

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16           **9-1-708. Certificate required for permanent**  
17 **employment; temporary employment; waiver or modification of**  
18 **training requirements; wages during training; grandfather**  
19 **provisions.**

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21           (a) Notwithstanding any general, specific or local  
22 law or charter to the contrary, except as provided in  
23 subsection (b) of this section, no person shall be employed  
24 as a dispatcher on a permanent or temporary basis unless

1 the person has been awarded a certificate by the director  
2 of the peace officer standards and training commission  
3 attesting to his satisfactory completion of a commission  
4 approved dispatcher basic training program. No county,  
5 sheriff, mayor, municipality, state agency, or any other  
6 person authorized by law to employ dispatchers in this  
7 state shall employ any person as a dispatcher who does not  
8 meet the employment standards established by commission  
9 rule.

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11 (f) A person who is convicted of a felony after his  
12 employment as a dispatcher is ineligible for continued  
13 employment as a dispatcher. If the person has been  
14 certified under this section, his certification shall be  
15 automatically revoked on the date of his conviction. The  
16 director shall notify the person and the person's employing  
17 agency upon revocation of certification under this  
18 subsection.

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20 ~~(f)~~ (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
21 except any dispatcher from any civil service provision or  
22 requirement.

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1           **Section 2.**    This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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