

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0215

ENROLLED ACT NO. 77, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2007 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

(f) The commission shall:

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

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

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

(b) With the approval of the commission, the director may:

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(iv) Certify peace officers, ~~and~~ and dispatchers who have satisfactorily completed the basic training programs as outlined in this act and issue appropriate certificates to peace officers, ~~and~~ and dispatchers;

(ix) Report to the commission at regular meetings of the commission and at other times as required and recommend denial, suspension or revocation of certification of a peace officer, ~~or~~ or dispatcher to the commission as deemed necessary;

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

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

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

(a) Notwithstanding any general, specific or local law or charter to the contrary, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person shall be employed as a dispatcher on a permanent or temporary basis unless the person has been awarded a certificate by the director of the peace officer standards and training commission attesting to his satisfactory completion of a commission approved dispatcher basic training program. No county, sheriff, mayor, municipality, state agency or any other

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person authorized by law to employ dispatchers in this state shall employ any person as a dispatcher who does not meet the employment standards established by commission rule.

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

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk