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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Peace officer training-deadline requirement.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to peace officer standards and training;
2 removing the one (1) year grace period for peace officers
3 appointed on a permanent basis to complete the basic
4 training program; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-704(d) is amended to read:

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10 **9-1-704. Qualifications for employment as a peace**
11 **officer; loss of certification for felony conviction;**
12 **termination from employment.**

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1 (d) No person shall be appointed as a peace officer
 2 on a permanent basis ~~for more than one (1) year~~ unless
 3 ~~within one (1) year from the date of appointment~~ he first
 4 is awarded a certificate by the director attesting that he
 5 satisfactorily completed a commission approved peace
 6 officer's basic training program.

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STAFF COMMENT

12 The Committee may wish to consider whether W.S. 9-1-704(f)
 13 requires amendment. That subsection provides that part-time
 14 peace officers or reserve peace officers must forfeit their
 15 position if they do not complete basic training within two
 16 years. The language is provided below:

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18 (f) Every person who is appointed as a part-time or
 19 reserve peace officer shall forfeit his position unless
 20 within two (2) years from the date of his appointment he is
 21 awarded a certificate by the director attesting that he
 22 satisfactorily completed a commission approved peace
 23 officer basic training program.

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25 For reference, the definition of "part-time or reserve
 26 peace officer" is included as well (see W.S. 9-1-
 27 701(a)(viii)):

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29 (viii) "Part-time or reserve peace officer"
 30 means any person having peace officer authority acting less
 31 than full time in the service of any county, municipality
 32 or state agency, whether compensated or not;

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34 The Committee may also wish to consider whether there is a
 35 need to specify applicability (i.e., are peace officers
 36 appointed before the effective date still able to avail
 37 themselves of the one-year grace period).

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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