



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 397

File No. 399

Cal. No. 455

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY."**

1 Strike section 9 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4 *passage*):

5 (b) (1) No person may be employed as a police officer by any law
6 enforcement unit for a period exceeding one year unless such person
7 has been certified under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
8 or has been granted an extension by the council. No person may serve
9 as a police officer during any period when such person's certification
10 has been cancelled or revoked pursuant to the provisions of subsection
11 (c) of this section. In addition to the requirements of this subsection, the
12 council may establish other qualifications for the employment of police

13 officers and require evidence of fulfillment of these qualifications. The
14 certification of any police officer who is not employed by a law
15 enforcement unit for a period of time in excess of two years, unless such
16 officer is on leave of absence, shall be considered lapsed. Upon
17 reemployment as a police officer, such officer shall apply for
18 recertification in a manner provided by the council, provided such
19 recertification process requires the police officer to submit to a urinalysis
20 drug test that screens for controlled substances, including, but not
21 limited to, anabolic steroids, and receive a result indicating no presence
22 of any controlled substance not prescribed for the officer.

23 (2) The council shall certify any applicant who presents evidence of
24 satisfactory completion of a program or course of instruction in another
25 state or, if the applicant is a veteran or a member of the armed forces or
26 the National Guard, as part of training during service in the armed
27 forces, that is equivalent in content and quality to that required in this
28 state, provided such applicant passes an examination or evaluation as
29 required by the council. For the purposes of this [section,] subsection,
30 "veteran" and "armed forces" have the same meanings as provided in
31 section 27-103.

32 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
33 subsection, the council shall not certify any applicant, or waive any
34 portion of the required basic training program, based on such
35 applicant's prior certification, training or experience as a federal
36 immigration authority, as defined in section 54-192."