

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, peace officers are trained in a variety of ways, with differing requirements for certification, throughout the United States. All states, with the exception of Hawaii, recognize a standard basic training program. This recognition allows peace officers to transfer throughout the United States. H.B. 1870 expands regulations required for a peace officer license, and requires a firearms proficiency demonstration from certain individuals every 12 months.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1870 expands regulations required for a peace officer license, and requires a firearms proficiency demonstration from certain individuals every 12 months.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 415.052, Government Code, to prohibit the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (commission) from granting a license to a certain person who has not completed certain training. Deletes text regarding consideration of previous employment.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 20(f), Article 4413 (29bb), V.T.C.S., to specify a requirement for a demonstration of firearms proficiency every 12 months.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.