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HOUSE BILL 1007

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES ON FEDERAL INSTALLATIONS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**Section 1. Section 29-7-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
Chapter 114, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"29-7-7. DEFINITIONS. -- For the purpose of the Law
Enforcement Training Act:**

**A. "academy" means the New Mexico law enforcement
academy;**

**B. "basic law enforcement training" means a course
consisting of not less than four hundred hours of instruction in
basic law enforcement training as required by the Law**

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1 Enforcement Training Act;

2 C. "board" means the New Mexico law enforcement
3 academy board;

4 D. "conviction" means an adjudication of guilt or a
5 plea of no contest and includes convictions that are suspended
6 or deferred;

7 E. "director" means the director of the academy;

8 F. "in-service law enforcement training" means a
9 course of instruction required of all certified peace officers
10 designed to train and equip all police officers in the state
11 with specific law enforcement skills and to ensure the
12 continuing development of all police officers in the state. The
13 training and instruction shall be kept current and may be
14 conducted on a regional basis at the discretion of the director;

15 G. "police officer" means any commissioned employee
16 of a law enforcement agency that is part of or administered by
17 the state or any political subdivision of the state or a
18 civilian law enforcement agency on a federal installation and
19 which employee is responsible for the prevention and detection
20 of crime or the enforcement of the penal or traffic or highway
21 laws of this state. The term specifically includes deputy
22 sheriffs. Sheriffs are eligible to attend the academy and are
23 eligible to receive certification as provided in the Law
24 Enforcement Training Act. As used in this subsection,
25 "commissioned" means an employee of a law enforcement agency who

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1 is authorized by a sheriff or chief of police to apprehend,
2 arrest and bring before the court all violators within the
3 state; and

4 H. "certified regional law enforcement training
5 facility" means a law enforcement training facility within the
6 state certified by the director, with the approval of the
7 academy's board of directors, that offers basic law enforcement
8 training and in-service law enforcement training that is
9 comparable to or exceeds the standards of the programs of the
10 academy. "

11 Section 2. Section 29-7-7.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
12 Chapter 114, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "29-7-7.1. IN-SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING--
14 REQUIREMENTS--ELIGIBILITY. --

15 A. In-service law enforcement training consists of
16 at least forty hours of academic instruction, approved by the
17 board, for each certified police officer during each twenty-four
18 month period of employment or service with a political
19 subdivision or civilian police agency of a federal installation.
20 The first training course shall commence no later than twelve
21 months after graduation from an approved basic law enforcement
22 training program.

23 B. All certified police officers who are eligible
24 for in-service training shall, during each twenty-four month
25 period of employment, complete a minimum of forty hours of in-

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1 service law enforcement training in courses approved by the
2 board. All certified police officers shall provide proof of
3 completing in-service law enforcement training requirements to
4 the director no later than March 1 of the year in which the
5 requirements must be met. The director shall provide annual
6 notice to all certified police officers regarding in-service law
7 enforcement training requirements. Failure to complete in-
8 service law enforcement training requirements may be grounds for
9 suspension of a certified police officer's certification. A
10 police officer's certification may be reinstated by the board
11 when the police officer presents the board with evidence of
12 satisfying in-service law enforcement training requirements. "

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