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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to certification of 911 public safety
3 telecommunicators; amending s. 401.465, F.S.; revising
4 requirements for certification of 911 public safety
5 telecommunicators; providing conditions under which
6 the requirement for certification as a 911 public
7 safety telecommunicator may be waived for certain law
8 enforcement officers; providing for exemption from the
9 examination fee; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (j) of subsection (2) of
14 section 401.465, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (k) of
15 that subsection is redesignated as paragraph (l), and a new
16 paragraph (k) is added to that subsection, to read:

17 401.465 911 public safety telecommunicator certification.—

18 (2) PERSONNEL; STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION.—

19 (d) The department shall determine whether the applicant
20 meets the requirements specified in this section and in rules of
21 the department and shall issue a certificate to any person who
22 meets such requirements. Such requirements must include the
23 following:

24 1. Completion of an appropriate 911 public safety
25 telecommunication training program;

26 2. Certification under oath that the applicant is not
27 addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance;

28 3. Certification under oath that the applicant is free

29 | from any physical or mental defect or disease that might impair
 30 | the applicant's ability to perform his or her duties;

31 | 4. Submission of the application fee prescribed in
 32 | subsection (3);

33 | 5. Submission of a completed application to the department
 34 | which indicates compliance with subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3.;
 35 | and

36 | 6. Effective October 1, 2012, passage of an examination
 37 | approved ~~administered~~ by the department which measures the
 38 | applicant's competency and proficiency in the subject material
 39 | of the public safety telecommunication training program.

40 | (j) If a person was employed as a 911 public safety
 41 | telecommunicator, ~~a sworn state-certified law enforcement~~
 42 | ~~officer~~, or a state-certified firefighter before April 1, 2012,
 43 | he or she must pass the examination approved ~~administered~~ by the
 44 | department which measures the competency and proficiency in the
 45 | subject material of the public safety telecommunication program,
 46 | as defined in paragraph (1)(c). Upon passage of the examination,
 47 | the completion of the public safety telecommunication training
 48 | program is ~~shall be~~ waived.

49 | (k)1. The requirement for certification as a 911 public
 50 | safety telecommunicator is waived for a person employed as a
 51 | sworn state-certified law enforcement officer, provided the
 52 | officer:

53 | a. Is selected by his or her chief executive to perform as
 54 | a 911 public safety telecommunicator;

55 | b. Performs as a 911 public safety telecommunicator on an
 56 | occasional or limited basis; and

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57 c. Passes the department-approved examination that
58 measures the competency and proficiency of an applicant in the
59 subject material comprising the public safety telecommunication
60 program.

61 2. A sworn state-certified law enforcement officer who
62 fails an examination taken under subparagraph 1. must take a
63 department-approved public safety telecommunication training
64 program prior to retaking the examination.

65 3. The testing required under this paragraph is exempt
66 from the examination fee required under subsection (3).

67 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.