

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 590.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to peace officers' cultural competency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 590.050, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 590.050 and 590.052, to read as follows:

590.050. 1. The POST commission shall establish requirements for the continuing education of all peace officers. Peace officers [who make traffic stops] shall be required to receive three hours of training within the law enforcement continuing education three-year reporting period concerning the prohibition against racial profiling and such training shall promote understanding and respect for racial and cultural differences and the use of effective, noncombative methods for carrying out law enforcement duties in a racially and culturally diverse environment.

2. The director shall license continuing education providers and may probate, suspend and revoke such licenses upon written notice stating the reasons for such action. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the director pursuant to this subsection may appeal as provided in chapter 536.

3. The costs of continuing law enforcement education shall be reimbursed in part by moneys from the peace officer standards and training commission fund created in section 590.178, subject to availability of funds, except that no such funds shall be used for the training of any person not actively commissioned or employed by a county or municipal law enforcement agency.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 4. The director may engage in any activity intended to further the professionalism of
18 peace officers through training and education, including the provision of specialized training
19 through the department of public safety.

**590.052. Annually, any peace officer in this state shall complete a module
2 established by the POST commission to determine if he or she is culturally competent. The
3 peace officer shall receive a passing score, as determined by the POST commission. If such
4 officer obtains a failing score, he or she shall attend training on cultural diversity
5 competency, which has been approved by the POST commission, and be retested until a
6 passing score is obtained.**

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