

HOUSE BILL 56

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to law enforcement officer qualifications.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106(2), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(2) Be a citizen of the United States or a permanent legal resident of the United States pursuant to § 38-8-105(d);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-107(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(c) The commission must evaluate the qualifications of a person certified as a law enforcement officer in another state by reviewing the person's training in the other state, practical experience in law enforcement, and education. After evaluating the person's training, experience, and education, the commission may issue a certificate if the person has satisfactorily complied with all other requirements of this chapter.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-107, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The commission shall not issue a certificate or otherwise certify a person who is decertified in another state if the person's decertification is the result of criminal or other misconduct. Prior to requesting certification for a person, an employing agency must complete a check of the National Decertification Index, or other database, as part of a thorough investigation conducted by the employing agency.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.