

Senate File 207 - Introduced

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BY SCHNEIDER

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to peace officers and retired peace officers
2 who provide street or highway driving instruction.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.178, subsection 1, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (a), Code 2019, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) To be qualified to provide street or highway driving
5 instruction, a person shall be certified by the department and
6 authorized by the board of educational examiners. However, if
7 the person is a peace officer or retired peace officer, the
8 person shall not be required to be authorized by the board
9 of educational examiners. A person shall not be required
10 to hold a current Iowa teacher or administrator license at
11 the elementary or secondary level or to have satisfied the
12 educational requirements for an Iowa teacher license at the
13 elementary or secondary level in order to be certified by the
14 department or authorized by the board of educational examiners
15 to provide street or highway driving instruction. For purposes
16 of this subparagraph division, "retired peace officer" means a
17 person retired under chapter 97A or 411, or section 97B.49B or
18 97B.49C, after service as a peace officer.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 Under current law, to be qualified to provide street or
23 highway driving instruction, a person must be certified by
24 the department of transportation (DOT) and authorized by the
25 board of educational examiners. This bill provides that if the
26 person is a peace officer or retired peace officer, the person
27 need not be authorized by the board of educational examiners.
28 Under Code section 321.1, a peace officer is defined as
29 every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to
30 make arrests for violations of traffic regulations, sheriffs
31 and their regular deputies who are subject to mandated law
32 enforcement training, marshals and police officers of cities,
33 peace officer members of the department of public safety,
34 parole officers, probation officers, special security officers
35 employed by board of regents institutions, conservation

1 officers, employees of the DOT that are designated as peace
2 officers by resolution, employees of an aviation authority
3 designated as peace officers by the authority, and persons
4 as may be otherwise so designated by law. The bill defines
5 retired peace officer to mean a person retired under Code
6 chapter 97A or 411, or Code section 97B.49B or 97B.49C, after
7 service as a peace officer.