

**House File 2597 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2413)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the revocation or suspension of a law  
2 enforcement officer's certification or a reserve peace  
3 officer's certification.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 80B.13A, subsection 2, Code 2024, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* Has twice been convicted of a violation  
4 of section 321J.2, with the second or subsequent conviction  
5 occurring on or after July 1, 2024, regardless of whether the  
6 currently certified law enforcement officer or reserve peace  
7 officer is currently employed by a law enforcement agency or  
8 not and regardless of whether the currently certified law  
9 enforcement officer or reserve peace officer was employed at  
10 the time of the violation or conviction. For purposes of this  
11 paragraph, "convicted" means found guilty of or pled guilty to  
12 a violation of section 321J.2.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill relates to the revocation or suspension of a  
17 law enforcement officer's certification or a reserve peace  
18 officer's certification.

19 The bill provides that the law enforcement academy council  
20 shall revoke the certification of a law enforcement officer or  
21 reserve peace officer upon a finding that the law enforcement  
22 officer or reserve peace officer has twice pled guilty to  
23 or been convicted of operating while under the influence of  
24 alcohol or a drug, while having an alcohol concentration of  
25 .08 or more, or while any amount of a controlled substance was  
26 present in the officer, as measured in the officer's blood or  
27 urine. The second or subsequent conviction must occur after  
28 July 1, 2024, for the officer to be decertified, regardless of  
29 whether the currently certified officer is currently employed  
30 by a law enforcement agency, and regardless of whether the  
31 currently certified officer was employed at the time of the  
32 violation or conviction.