

**House File 2278 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to law enforcement training requirements for  
2 experienced reserve peace officers.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **80B.11I Experienced reserve peace**  
2 **officers.**

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. "*Border state law enforcement agency*" means a law  
5 enforcement agency located in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois,  
6 Missouri, South Dakota, or Nebraska that maintains reserve peace  
7 officer training, certification, and oversight standards that are  
8 substantially equivalent to those required in this state, as  
9 determined by the council.

10 b. "*Break in service*" means a period exceeding six  
11 consecutive months during which a reserve peace officer is not  
12 actively appointed by any law enforcement agency. "*Break in*  
13 *service*" does not include approved leaves of absence, injury  
14 leave, military service, or transitions between agencies when the  
15 officer remains in good standing.

16 c. "*Founded or sustained disciplinary action*" means a final  
17 determination by an employing agency or certifying authority that  
18 a reserve peace officer committed a violation of law, policy, or  
19 professional standard warranting formal discipline.

20 2. A certified reserve peace officer may be eligible to  
21 attend a shortened or abbreviated law enforcement academy course  
22 established by the council pursuant to section 80B.11 if the  
23 officer meets all of the following requirements:

24 a. The officer has served as a reserve peace officer for a  
25 cumulative total of at least four years with one or more Iowa or  
26 border state law enforcement agencies, without a break in service  
27 during that period.

28 b. The officer has performed not less than four thousand  
29 cumulative hours of documented reserve law enforcement service  
30 with one or more Iowa or border state law enforcement agencies.

31 c. The officer has not been the subject of any founded or  
32 sustained disciplinary action, suspension, or termination for  
33 misconduct during the qualifying period described in paragraphs  
34 "a" and "b".

35 3. Each law enforcement agency for which the reserve peace

1 officer has served shall, upon request of the officer or the  
2 Iowa law enforcement academy, verify and certify the duration,  
3 continuity, number of hours, and disciplinary record of the  
4 officer's service for purposes of determining eligibility under  
5 subsection 2.

6 4. The council may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
7 to recognize reserve peace officer service performed for law  
8 enforcement agencies located in states other than those listed  
9 in subsection 1, paragraph "b", if the council determines that  
10 such agencies maintain training, certification, and oversight  
11 standards substantially equivalent to those required in this  
12 state. Service recognized under this subsection shall be treated  
13 as service with a border state law enforcement agency for  
14 purposes of subsection 2.

15 5. The council shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
16 establishing the curriculum, standards, and procedures for the  
17 shortened or abbreviated academy course authorized by this  
18 section. The curriculum shall ensure that eligible reserve  
19 peace officers receive all training necessary to qualify for full  
20 peace officer certification while appropriately recognizing prior  
21 training and documented reserve service experience.

22 EXPLANATION

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

25 This bill relates to law enforcement training requirements for  
26 experienced reserve peace officers.

27 The bill provides that a certified reserve peace officer may  
28 be eligible to attend a shortened or abbreviated law enforcement  
29 academy course established by the Iowa law enforcement academy  
30 council (council) pursuant to Code section 80B.11 if the officer:  
31 has served as a reserve peace officer for a cumulative total  
32 of at least four years with one or more Iowa or border state  
33 law enforcement agencies, without a break in service exceeding  
34 six consecutive months during that period; has performed not  
35 less than 4,000 cumulative hours of documented reserve law

1 enforcement service with one or more Iowa or border state law  
2 enforcement agencies; and has not been the subject of any founded  
3 or sustained disciplinary action, suspension, or termination for  
4 misconduct during the qualifying periods.

5 The bill provides that a law enforcement agency for which the  
6 reserve peace officer has served shall verify and certify the  
7 duration, continuity, number of hours, and disciplinary record of  
8 the officer's service.

9 The council may adopt rules to recognize reserve peace  
10 officer service performed for law enforcement agencies located in  
11 states other than border states if the council determines that  
12 such agencies maintain training, certification, and oversight  
13 standards substantially equivalent to those required in Iowa.  
14 The council shall adopt rules establishing the curriculum,  
15 standards, and procedures for the shortened or abbreviated  
16 academy course.