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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Department of Law Enforcement; amending s. 943.13, F.S.; requiring all officers, as a minimum qualification for employment or appointment, to attend a specified amount of training on how to use a taser gun as a means of restraining and arresting individuals suspected of criminal activity; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section 943.13, Florida Statutes, to read:

943.13 Officers' minimum qualifications for employment or appointment.--On or after October 1, 1984, any person employed or appointed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary law enforcement officer or correctional officer; on or after October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary correctional probation officer; and on or after October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary correctional officer by a private entity under contract to the Department of Corrections, to a county commission, or to the Department of Management Services shall:

(12) Complete 100 hours of training in the use of tasers as a means of restraining and arresting individuals suspected of criminal activity.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that as a minimum qualification for employment or appointment, all law enforcement officers must complete 100 hours of training in the use of taser guns in the line of duty.