

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission; creating s. 943.132, F.S.; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to adopt rules for the implementation of the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004; requiring the commission to develop and authorize a uniform firearms proficiency verification card to be issued to certain qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers; authorizing the use of specified facilities operating firing ranges for testing of persons other than law enforcement officers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 943.132, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

943.132 Implementation of federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004.--

(1) The commission shall by rule establish the manner in which Title 18, 44 U.S.C. ss. 926B and 926C, the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, relating to the carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers, as defined in the act, shall be implemented in the state. In order to facilitate the implementation within the state of Title 18, 44 U.S.C. ss. 926B and 926C, the commission shall develop and

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29 authorize a uniform firearms proficiency verification card to be  
30 issued to qualified law enforcement officers and qualified  
31 retired law enforcement officers who achieve a passing score on  
32 the firing range testing component of the minimum firearms  
33 proficiency course for active law enforcement officers,  
34 indicating the person's name and the date upon which he or she  
35 achieved the passing score. Each such card shall be issued only  
36 by range instructors certified by the commission.

37 (2) Facilities operating firing ranges on which range  
38 instructors certified by the commission administer the firing  
39 range testing component of the minimum firearms proficiency  
40 course for active law enforcement officers may open the firing  
41 range under terms and conditions established by the operating  
42 entity to other persons for purposes of allowing such persons to  
43 demonstrate their ability to achieve a passing score on the  
44 firing range testing component of the minimum firearms  
45 proficiency course. All costs associated with the demonstration  
46 by any such person that he or she meets the requirements of the  
47 firing range testing component of the minimum firearms  
48 proficiency course shall be at the expense of the person being  
49 tested.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.