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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to correctional probation officers; creating s. 943.17001, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections to provide a standardized firearm and ammunition to correctional probation officers; providing rulemaking authority of the department; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 943.17001, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

943.17001 Correctional probation officers; provision of standardized firearm and ammunition.--Upon completion of training, certification, and approval as a correctional probation officer, the Department of Corrections shall provide to any correctional probation officer who chooses to carry a firearm a standardized semiautomatic firearm as designated by department rule, and, for the duration of the correctional probation officer's employment, standardized ammunition as designated by department rule for the semiautomatic firearm issued to the correctional probation officer. If a correctional probation officer elects to no longer carry a firearm, changes the type of firearm he or she chooses to carry, or is no longer employed by the department, he or she must return the firearm and any unused ammunition issued by the department. The department has the authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this section.

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