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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Criminal Justice Standards and  
3 Training Commission; creating s. 943.132, F.S.; requiring  
4 the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to  
5 adopt rules for the implementation of the federal Law  
6 Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004; requiring the  
7 commission to develop and authorize the issuance of a  
8 uniform firearms proficiency verification card;  
9 authorizing the use of specified facilities operating  
10 firing ranges for testing of persons other than law  
11 enforcement officers; providing an effective date.  
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15 Section 1. Section 943.132, Florida Statutes, is created  
16 to read:

17 943.132 Implementation of federal Law Enforcement Officers  
18 Safety Act of 2004.--

19 (1) The commission shall by rule establish the manner in  
20 which Title 18, 44 U.S.C. ss. 926B and 926C, the federal Law  
21 Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, relating to the  
22 carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement  
23 officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers, as  
24 defined in the act, shall be implemented in the state. In order  
25 to facilitate the implementation within the state of Title 18,  
26 44 U.S.C. ss. 926B and 926C, the commission shall develop and  
27 authorize a uniform firearms proficiency verification card to be  
28 issued to persons who achieve a passing score on the firing

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29 range testing component as utilized in the minimum firearms  
30 proficiency course applicable to active law enforcement  
31 officers, indicating the person's name and the date upon which  
32 he or she achieved the passing score. Each such card shall be  
33 issued only by firearms instructors certified by the commission.

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

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.