

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to online training for private
 3 security officers; amending ss. 493.6105 and 493.6303,
 4 F.S.; providing that certain required training
 5 criteria for a Class "D" or Class "G" license may be
 6 conducted online; providing requirements for such
 7 online training; requiring the Department of
 8 Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish certain
 9 criteria and rules for the regulation of certain
 10 entities that provide online training; providing
 11 reporting requirements upon completion of the
 12 training; creating s. 493.6132, F.S.; providing
 13 requirements for online training courses for a Class
 14 "D" or Class "G" license; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 493.6105, Florida
 19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

21 (5) In addition to the requirements outlined in subsection
 22 (3), an applicant for a Class "G" license must satisfy minimum
 23 training criteria for firearms established by rule of the
 24 department, which training criteria includes, but is not limited
 25 to, 28 hours of range and classroom training conducted by in-

26 | person instruction or online through a secure website of the
27 | licensed school or training facility if the applicant's
28 | identity, attendance, and successful completion of training are
29 | verified. The applicant must report the verification to the
30 | department upon completion of the training. Training is to be
31 | taught and administered by a Class "K" licensee; however, no
32 | more than 21 hours may be conducted in an online classroom, and
33 | no more than 8 hours of such training shall consist of range
34 | training. The department shall by rule and in accordance with s.
35 | 493.6115 establish the general content, the number of hours of
36 | each subject area to be taught, the method of delivery and the
37 | security protocols for online training and testing, the
38 | reporting requirements for verification of successful completion
39 | of training, and any other rules necessary for the regulation of
40 | schools or training facilities providing in-person or online
41 | training. The department may waive the foregoing firearms
42 | training requirement if:

43 | (a) The applicant provides proof that he or she is
44 | currently certified as a law enforcement officer or correctional
45 | officer pursuant to the requirements of the Criminal Justice
46 | Standards and Training Commission or has successfully completed
47 | the training required for certification within the last 12
48 | months.

49 | (b) The applicant provides proof that he or she is
50 | currently certified as a federal law enforcement officer and has

51 received law enforcement firearms training administered by a
52 federal law enforcement agency.

53 (c) The applicant submits a valid firearm certificate
54 among those specified in paragraph (6) (a).

55 Section 2. Section 493.6132, Florida Statutes, is created
56 to read:

57 493.6132 Online training courses.—

58 (1) An online training course for a Class "D" or Class "G"
59 license must be attached to and conducted by a licensed school
60 or training facility that maintains a physical location.

61 (2) A firearms instructor conducting an online training
62 course must work under a licensed school or training facility or
63 be employed under a business establishment registered,
64 permitted, or licensed by the Department of Business and
65 Professional Regulation with an insurance policy in the minimum
66 amount of \$1,000,000.

67 (3) An applicant may only be logged into the online
68 training course from one device at a time.

69 (4) The online training course must:

70 (a) Include security questions to ensure that the
71 applicant is actively using the computer or mobile device and is
72 following along with the online training.

73 (b) Set a minimum amount of time that each applicant must
74 spend on each screen before moving on to the next screen.

75 (c) Include randomized test questions.

76 (5) Online training course certificates must be
 77 sequentially numbered for tracking purposes.

78 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 79 493.6303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

80 493.6303 License requirements.—In addition to the license
 81 requirements set forth elsewhere in this chapter, each
 82 individual or agency must comply with the following additional
 83 requirements:

84 (4)(a) An applicant for a Class "D" license must submit
 85 proof of successful completion of a minimum of 40 hours of
 86 professional training at a school or training facility licensed
 87 by the department. The training may be conducted by in-person
 88 instruction or online through a secure website of the licensed
 89 school or training facility if the applicant's identity,
 90 attendance, and successful completion of training are verified.
 91 The applicant must report the verification to the department
 92 upon completion of the training. The department shall by rule
 93 and in accordance with s. 493.6103 establish the general content
 94 and number of hours of each subject area to be taught, the
 95 method of delivery and the security protocols for online
 96 training and testing, the reporting requirements for
 97 verification of successful completion of training, and any other
 98 rules necessary for the regulation of schools or training
 99 facilities providing in-person or online training. Upon
 100 completion of such training, the training facility or the

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101 instructor must submit proof of completion of training for each
102 applicant to the department electronically in a manner
103 prescribed by the department. The training facility or the
104 instructor must also provide a copy of the training results to
105 the applicant who completed the training.

106 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.