

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 369**  
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections, March 8, 2007, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 43.030, 43.060, and 590.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to requirements for certain law enforcement personnel.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 43.030, 43.060, and 590.030, RSMo, are repealed and  
2 three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 43.030, 43.060,  
3 and 590.030, to read as follows:

43.030. 1. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall  
2 be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the  
3 senate. The superintendent shall hold office at the pleasure of the governor. The  
4 superintendent shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident taxpaying  
5 citizen of this state for a period of three years previous to being appointed as  
6 superintendent and shall be at least thirty years of age. The superintendent  
7 shall maintain an office [and reside] in Jefferson City.

8 2. The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol shall:

9 (1) Have command of the patrol and perform all duties imposed on the  
10 superintendent and exercise all of the powers and authority conferred upon the  
11 superintendent by the provisions of this chapter and the requirements of chapter  
12 650, RSMo;

13 (2) Within available appropriations, establish an equitable pay plan for  
14 the members of the highway patrol and radio personnel taking into consideration  
15 ranks and length of service.

43.060. 1. Patrolmen and radio personnel shall not be less than

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

2 twenty-one years of age. No person shall be appointed as superintendent or  
3 member of the patrol or as a member of the radio personnel who has been  
4 convicted of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude, or against whom any  
5 indictment or information may then be pending charging the person with having  
6 committed a crime, nor shall any person be appointed who is not of good  
7 character or who is not a citizen of the United States and who at the time of  
8 appointment is not a citizen of the state of Missouri; or who [is not a graduate of  
9 an accredited four-year high school or in lieu thereof] **has not completed a**  
10 **high school program of education under chapter 167, RSMo, or who has**  
11 not obtained a **General Educational Development (GED)** certificate [of  
12 equivalency from the state department of elementary and secondary education or  
13 other source recognized by that department], **and who has not obtained**  
14 **advanced education and experience as approved by the superintendent,**  
15 or who does not possess ordinary physical strength, and who is not able to pass  
16 the physical and mental examination that the superintendent prescribes.

17 2. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of this section, no member  
18 of the patrol shall hold any other commission or office, elective or appointive,  
19 while a member of the patrol, except that the superintendent may authorize  
20 specified members to accept federal commissions providing investigative and  
21 arrest authority to enforce federal statutes while working with or at the direction  
22 of a federal law enforcement agency. No member of the patrol shall accept any  
23 other employment, compensation, reward, or gift other than regular salary and  
24 expenses as herein provided except with the written permission of the  
25 superintendent. No member of the patrol shall perform any police duty connected  
26 with the conduct of any election, nor shall any member of the patrol at any time  
27 or in any manner electioneer for or against any party ticket, or any candidate for  
28 nomination or election to office on any party ticket, nor for or against any  
29 proposition of any kind or nature to be voted upon at any election.

30 3. Members of the patrol shall be permitted to be candidates for and  
31 members or directors of the school board in any school district where they meet  
32 the requirements for that position as set forth in chapter 162, RSMo. Members  
33 of the patrol who become school board directors or members within the state shall  
34 be permitted to receive benefits or compensation for their service to the school  
35 board as provided by chapter 162, RSMo.

36 4. The superintendent may, by general order, set forth the circumstances  
37 under which members of the patrol may, in addition to their duties as members

38 of the patrol, be engaged in secondary employment.

590.030. 1. The POST commission shall establish minimum standards for  
2 the basic training of peace officers. Such standards may vary for each class of  
3 license established pursuant to subsection 2 of section 590.020.

4 2. The director shall establish minimum age, citizenship, and general  
5 education requirements and may require a qualifying score on a certification  
6 examination as conditions of eligibility for a peace officer license. **Such general  
7 education requirements shall require completion of a high school  
8 program of education under chapter 167, RSMo, or obtainment of a  
9 general education development (GED) certificate.**

10 3. The director shall provide for the licensure, with or without additional  
11 basic training, of peace officers possessing credentials by other states or  
12 jurisdictions, including federal and military law enforcement officers.

13 4. The director shall establish a procedure for obtaining a peace officer  
14 license and shall issue the proper license when the requirements of this chapter  
15 have been met.

16 5. As conditions of licensure, all licensed peace officers shall:

17 (1) Obtain continuing law enforcement education pursuant to rules to be  
18 promulgated by the POST commission; and

19 (2) Maintain a current address of record on file with the director.

20 6. A peace officer license shall automatically expire if the licensee fails to  
21 hold a commission as a peace officer for a period of five consecutive years,  
22 provided that the POST commission shall provide for the relicensure of such  
23 persons and may require retraining as a condition of eligibility for relicensure,  
24 and provided that the director may provide for the continuing licensure, subject  
25 to restrictions, of persons who hold and exercise a law enforcement commission  
26 requiring a peace officer license but not meeting the definition of a peace officer  
27 pursuant to this chapter.

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