

House Bill No. 143

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 the issuance of a uniform firearms proficiency verification card; 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 authorize a uniform firearms proficiency verification card to be issued to persons who achieve a passing score on the firing range testing component as utilized in the minimum firearms proficiency course applicable to active law enforcement officers, indicating the person's name and the date upon which he or she achieved the passing score. Each such card shall be issued only by firearms instructors certified by the commission.

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

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

Approved by the Governor June 12, 2007.

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