

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 72, *approved April 16, 1997*
Senate, No. 1546 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning Human Services police officers and amending
2 P.L.1995, c.273.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 4. Human Services police officers appointed pursuant to
10 R.S.30:4-14 shall satisfy the training requirements established by the
11 Police Training Commission , at ¹[police academies designated]
12 schools approved¹ by the commission, as follows:

13 a. All officers appointed pursuant to this section after the effective
14 date of [this act] P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.1 et seq.), shall
15 successfully complete, within one year of the date of their
16 appointment, a training course approved by the Police Training
17 Commission.

18 All officers appointed pursuant to this section after the effective
19 date of P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature as this
20 bill), shall successfully complete, within one year of the date of their
21 appointment, a training course approved by the Police Training
22 Commission, which shall include training designed to prepare officers
23 to handle patients with violent criminal backgrounds and sensitivity
24 training to prepare officers to handle abusive situations between
25 employees and patients, and among patients.

26 b. All officers appointed and in employment on the effective date
27 of [this act] P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.1 et seq.), may continue in
28 employment if, within 18 months of the effective date of [this act]
29 P.L.1995, c.273 (C.30:4-14.1 et seq.) , they have satisfied the training
30 requirements of the Police Training Commission;

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ACO committee amendments adopted January 9, 1997.

1 All officers appointed and in employment on the effective date of
2 P.L. _____, c. (C. _____)(pending before the Legislature as this bill), may
3 continue in employment if, within 18 months of the effective date of
4 P.L. _____, c. (C. _____)(pending before the Legislature as this bill), they
5 have successfully completed a training course approved by the Police
6 Training Commission, which shall include training designed to prepare
7 officers to handle patients with violent criminal backgrounds and
8 sensitivity training to prepare officers to handle abusive situations
9 between employees and patients, and among patients; and

10 c. The Commissioner of Human Services may request from the
11 Police Training Commission an exemption from all or part of the
12 training requirements of this section on behalf of a current or
13 prospective officer who demonstrates successful completion of a
14 police training course conducted by any federal, state or other public
15 or private agency, the requirements of which are substantially
16 equivalent to the requirements of the Police Training Commission
17 , and which include training officers to handle patients with violent
18 criminal backgrounds and sensitivity training pursuant to this section.
19 (cf: P.L.1995, c.273, s.4)

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21 2. This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment.

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27 Requires Human Services police officers to receive specific training
28 concerning patient abuse and violent patients.