

# Reserve Peace Officers Training Standards

Under a bill adopted by the House, reserve peace officers who completed training and were appointed prior to July 1, 2007, are exempt from the new training standards that went into effect in July 2007.

The Legislature adopted the new requirements in 2007 to ensure consistency in the training received by peace officers. This includes 80 hours of classroom training in a variety of topics, such as criminal

law, motor vehicle laws, and working with your community.

Training for peace officers prior to this legislation was up to the appointing authority, but it did consist of 150 hours of training. The language adopted in 2007 stated that reserve officers appointed on or before July 1, 2007, could test out of the training requirements, but they were not grandfathered in.

Reserve officers who complete the new training re-

quirements will receive a certificate. They will be considered state certified reserve peace officers. If House File 762 becomes law, individuals who were reserve officers prior to July 1, 2007, will still be reserve officers, but will not be state certified unless they test out of the new requirements or complete the new training.

House File 762 has been passed by the House and is ready for consideration by the Senate.