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Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

***Commission Resolution 2013-05
A Resolution Addressing HB 4344***

WHEREAS, Enrolled House Bill 4344 contemplates the Commission formulating a recommendation for the Legislature's approval concerning the feasibility of granting interstate reciprocity of certification to everyone that was employed as a law enforcement officer of another state within the previous 12 months from a state that maintains standards substantially similar to the certification standards in 1965 PA 203;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission recommends to the Legislature that granting certification to everyone that was employed as a law enforcement officer of another state within the previous 12 months from a state that maintains standards substantially similar to the certification standards in 1965 PA 203 is not feasible for the following reasons:

1. With the sole exception of the standard for basic academy training, 1965 PA 203 has never authorized the Commission to waive certification standards for applicants from other states.
2. Requiring applicants to comply with all certification standards except basic academy training, and allowing those applicants to avoid repeating academy training by completing an alternative program, is the accepted practice throughout the United States.
3. Adopting the approach suggested in Enrolled House Bill 4344 would allow applicants from other states to exercise full peace officer authority in Michigan without considering such crucial attributes as criminal history, moral character, firearms proficiency, physiological fitness and psychological fitness.
4. Consistent with 1965 PA 203 and the laws of other states, the Commission has implemented its "Recognition of Prior Basic Law Enforcement Training and Experience" program to allow applicants from other states to demonstrate knowledge and experience through an alternative to repeating academy training, while ensuring compliance with other critical standards.
5. The ultimate objective of allowing qualified applicants from other states with similar certification standards to work as law enforcement officers in Michigan is best served by using the Recognition of Prior Basic Law Enforcement Training and Experience program.

Adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on December 4, 2013

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Doreen E. Olko, Chair