

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 151—ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON
(BY REQUEST)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Provides for the certification of law enforcement dispatchers. (BDR 23-767)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to law enforcement; requiring the Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Commission to adopt regulations governing the certification and training of law enforcement dispatchers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Commission
2 to adopt regulations governing the certification and decertification, recruitment,
3 selection and training of peace officers. **Section 3** of this bill requires the Peace
4 Officers’ Standards and Training Commission to adopt regulations establishing the
5 minimum standards for the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection
6 and training of law enforcement dispatchers. **Section 4** of this bill authorizes the
7 Executive Director of the Commission to: (1) certify qualified instructors for
8 training law enforcement dispatchers; and (2) issue certificates to law enforcement
9 dispatchers who have satisfactorily completed the training for law enforcement
10 dispatchers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 289 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *“Law enforcement dispatcher” means a person who is*
4 *employed by a law enforcement agency or regional*
5 *telecommunication center and who promotes public safety by:*



1 **1. Receiving calls for service related to crimes, traffic**
2 **incidents, public safety and any other related calls for assistance;**
3 **and**

4 **2. Providing immediate and critical communication between**
5 **the public and law enforcement agencies.**

6 **Sec. 2.** NRS 289.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 289.450 As used in NRS 289.450 to 289.600, inclusive, **and**
8 **section 1 of this act**, unless the context otherwise requires, the
9 words and terms defined in NRS 289.460 to 289.490, inclusive, **and**
10 **section 1 of this act** have the meanings ascribed to them in those
11 sections.

12 **Sec. 3.** NRS 289.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 289.510 1. The Commission:

14 (a) Shall meet at the call of the Chair, who must be elected by a
15 majority vote of the members of the Commission.

16 (b) Shall provide for and encourage the training and education
17 of persons whose primary duty is law enforcement to ensure the
18 safety of the residents of and visitors to this State.

19 (c) Shall adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for
20 the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection and
21 training of peace officers **† and law enforcement dispatchers**. The
22 regulations must establish:

23 (1) Requirements for basic training for category I, category II
24 and category III peace officers, ~~† and~~ reserve peace officers **† and**
25 **law enforcement dispatchers**;

26 (2) Standards for programs for the continuing education of
27 peace officers **† and law enforcement dispatchers**, including
28 minimum courses of study and requirements concerning attendance;

29 (3) Qualifications for instructors of peace officers **† and law**
30 **enforcement dispatchers**; and

31 (4) Requirements for the certification of a course of training.

32 (d) Shall, when necessary, present courses of training and
33 continuing education courses for category I, category II and
34 category III peace officers, ~~† and~~ reserve peace officers **† and law**
35 **enforcement dispatchers**.

36 (e) May make necessary inquiries to determine whether the
37 agencies of this State and of the local governments are complying
38 with standards set forth in its regulations.

39 (f) Shall carry out the duties required of the Commission
40 pursuant to NRS 432B.610 and 432B.620.

41 (g) May perform any other acts that may be necessary and
42 appropriate to the functions of the Commission as set forth in NRS
43 289.450 to 289.600, inclusive.



1 (h) May enter into an interlocal agreement with an Indian tribe
2 to provide training to and certification of persons employed as
3 police officers *or law enforcement dispatchers* by that Indian tribe.

4 2. Regulations adopted by the Commission:

5 (a) Apply to all agencies of this State and of local governments
6 in this State that employ persons as peace officers ~~H~~ *or law*
7 *enforcement dispatchers*;

8 (b) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the
9 handling of cases involving abuse or neglect of children or missing
10 children;

11 (c) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the
12 handling of cases involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation
13 and abandonment of older persons; and

14 (d) May require that training be carried on at institutions which
15 it approves in those regulations.

16 **Sec. 4.** NRS 289.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 289.530 With the advice of the Commission, the Executive
18 Director of the Commission may:

19 1. Appoint employees, agents, consultants and other staff of the
20 Commission and prescribe their duties;

21 2. Administer and direct the daily operation of the staff and
22 resources of the Commission;

23 3. Inspect academies for training peace officers, and issue and
24 revoke certificates of approval to such academies;

25 4. Certify qualified instructors for approved courses of training
26 for peace officers *and law enforcement dispatchers* and issue
27 appropriate certificates to instructors;

28 5. Certify peace officers who have satisfactorily completed
29 courses of training for peace officers and issue basic, intermediate,
30 advanced and management professional certificates to peace
31 officers;

32 6. *Certify law enforcement dispatchers who have*
33 *satisfactorily completed courses of training for law enforcement*
34 *dispatchers.*

35 7. Make recommendations to the Commission concerning the
36 issuance of executive certificates;

37 ~~H~~ 8. Cause annual audits to be made relating to the operation
38 of academies for training peace officers;

39 ~~H~~ 9. Consult and cooperate with academies for training
40 peace officers concerning the development of the basic and
41 advanced training programs for peace officers;

42 ~~H~~ 10. Consult and cooperate with academies for training
43 peace officers concerning the development of specialized courses of
44 study in this State for peace officers in the areas of police science,



- 1 police administration, corrections, probation, the social sciences and
2 other related areas;
- 3 ~~10.1~~ **11.** Consult and cooperate with other departments and
4 agencies of this State and of local governments concerning the
5 training of peace officers ~~11.1~~
6 ~~11.1~~ **and law enforcement dispatchers;**
- 7 **12.** Report to the Commission at the regular meetings of the
8 Commission and at such other times as the Commission may
9 require, and recommend the denial, suspension or revocation of
10 certification of a peace officer to the Commission as deemed
11 necessary;
- 12 ~~12.1~~ **13.** Execute contracts on behalf of the Commission; and
13 ~~13.1~~ **14.** Perform any other acts necessary and appropriate to
14 the carrying out of the duties of the Executive Director of the
15 Commission.
- 16 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

