

Digest for Adopted Regulation R_121-13

Existing law requires the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission to adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the certification and training of peace officers. These regulations must include, without limitation, standards for programs for the continuing education of peace officers, including minimum courses of study and requirements concerning attendance. (NRS 289.510)

Under existing regulations, to maintain his or her basic certificate or reserve certificate, a peace officer must annually obtain 24 hours of continuing education. This continuing education must include: (1) the demonstration of a minimum level of proficiency in certain skills related to the duties of the officer if the officer is authorized or required to use those skills in his or her duties; and (2) an annual review of each use of force policy of the employing agency of the officer. Under existing regulations, the demonstrations of proficiency and annual review of the use of force policy are counted toward the 24 hours of continuing education that the officer must complete. (NAC 289.230) **Section 1** of this regulation: (1) reduces the required hours of continuing education from 24 hours to 12 hours; (2) specifies that the 12 hours of continuing education must be agency in-service training prescribed by the administrator of the officer's employing agency; and (3) maintains the requirement that an officer must complete the demonstrations of proficiency required by existing regulations and the annual review of the use of force policy but provides that those activities do not count toward the required 12 hours of continuing education.

Existing regulations provide that an officer who has not performed the duties of a peace officer for at least 12 consecutive months but not more than 60 consecutive months must demonstrate a minimum level of proficiency in certain skills related to the officer's duties and

review each use of force policy of the officer's employing agency before resuming his or her duties. (NAC 289.230) **Section 1** requires an officer to comply with these requirements if the officer has not performed the duties of a peace officer for at least 4 consecutive months but not more than 60 consecutive months.

Existing regulations authorize an officer to obtain intermediate and advanced certificates by satisfying certain requirements related to the officer's training, experience and education. Under existing regulations, these requirements include, without limitation, the completion of a certain number units of credit at a college or university, a certain number of years of experience or certain combinations of both. (NAC 289.240 and 289.250, as amended by LCB File No. R188-12) Under **section 2** of this regulation, an officer who earned the intermediate and advanced certificate through obtaining years of experience rather than completing units of credit at a college or university must complete at least 6 units of credit at a college or university to satisfy the educational requirement for a management certificate. However, an officer who has previously completed at least 6 units of credit at a college or university is not required to complete additional units of credit to satisfy the educational requirements for a management certificate.