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# Peace Officers Research Association *of Nevada*

**SENATE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
POSITION PAPER/PROPOSED AMENDMENT - AB114  
May 2, 2003**

Re: Proposed amendment to AB114 to allow for POST certification eligibility for Sheriff candidates.

Madam Chairman O'Connell and members of the Senate Government Affairs Committee:

My name is Ron Dreher. I appear before you today as the president of the Peace Officers Research Association of Nevada and as a representative of the professional peace officers of our great state to request your support of AB114 with the enclosed amendments.

The elected, constitutional office of sheriff needs qualified candidates to seek and hold that office. Section 1 of AB114 appears to set the stage for ensuring that only qualified candidates seek that office. However, the current provision under NRS 289 and NAC 289 restrict POST certification eligibility to only those currently employed in law enforcement positions. We would ask that if POST certification is a requirement to seek the elected office of sheriff then the restrictions of being employed by a law enforcement agency should be removed. NAC 289.230 requires that in order to maintain POST certification one has to be employed in a law enforcement agency and receive the required amounts of POST certified training. In other words even though I continue to obtain POST certified training courses I cannot maintain a basic POST certification unless I am employed by a law enforcement agency.

POST certification remains active for 5 years after retirement. At that time it expires. Any training received during those 5 years does not count nor does it prevent the POST certificate from expiring because a retired or terminated person is not employed by a law enforcement agency.

Another suggestion would be to allow honorably retired peace officers, whose POST certification has expired, to seek the sheriffs office and to require them to re-certify with POST within 6 months of being elected. POST re-certification can be accomplished by taking an 80 hour course through Nevada POST.

We would ask that the Committee amend section 1 to include the conceptual proposals as outlined. By doing so, restrictions are not placed on otherwise qualified potential candidates.

With those amendments we ask that you support this legislation.

Sincerely,

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President - PORAN

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