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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES MONACO AND JOLLY (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 590.121, RSMo 2000, relating to peace officer standards and training, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 590.121, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 590.121, to read as follows:

590.121. **1.** The director shall certify such academies, core curriculum and instruction as necessary to fulfill the purposes of sections 590.100 to 590.180. The certification shall be made by the director on the basis of the experience and educational background of the instructors, the quality and aptness of curriculum, the educational equipment and materials used in the training and the methods and measurements used in such training. The director shall adopt and publish rules pertaining to the establishment of minimum standards for certification pursuant to sections 590.100 to 590.180.

2. Any canine acquired by a law enforcement agency after July 1, 2002, shall be trained and certified along with its handler before it is used in law enforcement activities.

3. The director may establish by rule the hours and types of canine-handler training required for certification, may provide for periodic recertification of canine-handler teams and may accept training and certification provided by recognized state and national police canine associations. Applications for certification of canine-handler teams shall be made on forms prepared by the director and shall be accompanied by an application fee. The fee shall be set by rule in an amount that does not substantially exceed the cost of administration of certification. Moneys so received shall be transmitted to the director of revenue for deposit in the general revenue fund. Certification for a canine-handler team shall be valid only for that team.

19 **4. Any canine-handler teams certified pursuant to subsection 3 of this section shall**
20 **be trained in the following areas:**

21 **(1) Aggression control;**

22 **(2) Bomb detection; and**

23 **(3) Narcotics detection.**

24 **5. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section**
25 **shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter**
26 **536, RSMo.**