

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-1706 of the Code of Virginia, relating to law-enforcement officer*  
3 *certification.*

4 [H 1299]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 15.2-1706 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-1706. Certification through training required for all law-enforcement officers.

9 A. All law-enforcement officers as defined in § 9.1-101 and all jail officers as defined in § 53.1-1  
10 must be certified through the successful completion of training at an approved criminal justice training  
11 academy in order to remain eligible for appointment or employment. In order to obtain such  
12 certification, all entry level law-enforcement officers seeking certification on or after July 1, 2003, shall  
13 successfully complete statewide certification examinations developed and administered by the  
14 Department of Criminal Justice Services. The Department may delegate administration of the  
15 examinations to an approved criminal justice training academy and may revoke such delegation at its  
16 discretion. The appointee's or employee's hiring agency must provide the Department of Criminal Justice  
17 Services with verification that law-enforcement or jail officers first hired after July 1, 1994, have met  
18 the minimum standards set forth in § 15.2-1705.

19 B. *The requirement for the successful completion of the law-enforcement certification examination*  
20 *may be waived by the Department of Criminal Justice Services based upon previous law-enforcement*  
21 *experience and training. To be eligible for such waiver, the individual must have applied for and been*  
22 *granted an exemption or partial exemption in accordance with § 9.1-116.*

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