

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact §§ 9.1-1000 and 52-9.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to former*
3 *law-enforcement officers; retention of identification and badge.*

[S 743]

Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That §§ 9.1-1000 and 52-9.1:1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 9.1-1000. Retired and former law-enforcement officers; photo identification cards.**

9 A. Upon the retirement of a law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, the employing
10 department or agency shall, upon request of the retiree, issue the individual a photo identification card
11 indicating that such individual is a retired law-enforcement officer of that department or agency. Upon
12 request, such a card shall also be issued to any law-enforcement officer who retired before July 1, 2004.

13 B. Upon request of a former law-enforcement officer with at least 10 years of service who has been
14 diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, as defined in § 65.2-107, by a mental health professional,
15 as defined in § 65.2-107, or who is disabled, the employing department or agency shall issue the
16 individual a photo identification card indicating that such individual is a former law-enforcement officer
17 of that department or agency who honorably served. However, prior to issuing the photo identification
18 card, the employing department or agency shall have it mounted in such a manner that it will be
19 impossible for anyone to carry it on his person. The employing department or agency may deny, for
20 cause, any request made under this subsection, provided that it gives a written explanation to the
21 requester of the grounds for denial. Any individual issued a photo identification card under this
22 subsection shall be ineligible to receive a photo identification card pursuant to subsection A. The
23 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any individual who was decertified pursuant to
24 § 15.2-1707.

25 **§ 52-9.1:1. Retired and former law-enforcement officers; retention of badge.**

26 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 1978, every State
27 police officer shall upon retirement be awarded his badge or other insignia of his office for permanent
28 keeping; provided, however, the Superintendent of State Police, prior to tendering such badge or
29 insignia, shall have the same mounted in such a manner that it will be impossible for anyone to display
30 such badge or insignia upon his person.

31 B. Upon request of a former law-enforcement officer with at least 10 years of service who has been
32 diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, as defined in § 65.2-107, by a mental health professional,
33 as defined in § 65.2-107, or who is disabled, such individual shall be awarded his badge or other
34 insignia of his office in accordance with the procedures established under subsection A; however, the
35 mounted badge or insignia shall include an indication that the individual honorably served. The
36 Superintendent of State Police may deny, for cause, any request made under this subsection, provided
37 that it gives a written explanation to the requester of the grounds for denial. Any individual awarded a
38 badge or insignia under this subsection shall be ineligible to receive a badge or insignia pursuant to
39 subsection A. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any individual who was decertified
40 pursuant to § 15.2-1707.

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