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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2015

Bill Number: H.7 Name of Bill: An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to laws regarding law enforcement officer certification.

Agency/Dept: VSP Author of Bill Review: Sgt. Steven M Coote

Date of Bill Review: 2/24/2015 Related Bills and Key Players: Rep. Ronald Hubert (Milton)

Status of Bill: (check one)

Upon Introduction As passed by 1st body As passed by both bodies

Recommended Position:

Support Oppose Remain Neutral Support with modifications identified in # 8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** This bill is intended to clean up verbiage, references and entries made in 2014 regarding level 1, 2, and 3 Law Enforcement Officer Certifications in the State of Vermont.
2. **Is there a need for this bill?** This bill is needed to make changes to verbiage and correct/replace wording to define the level 1, 2, and 3 Law Enforcement certifications in the State of Vermont.
3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?**
N/A
4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** The bill was proposed and intended to change some verbiage and clean up the current bill and has no fiscal implications for other departments in state government.
5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** N/A
6. **Other Stakeholders:**

6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?

I attempted to contact Re. Hubert on multiple occasions via telephone and email. Unfortunately I was didn't speak with him directly, however he did leave me a voice message regarding bill H7. Rep. Hubert described the bill as a "clean up" bill intended to change verbiage and make corrections regarding level 1, 2 and 3 Law Enforcement certifications in the State of Vermont.

I spoke with Director Gauthier of the Vermont Police Academy. Director Gauthier said that while he was a bit confused as to why the bill required one municipality to appoint a constable when no other community requires it, he sees no issue with the proposal.

I spoke with Sheriff Roger Marcoux who is the current President of the Vermont Sheriff' Association. Sheriff Marcoux said that he had reviewed the bill and has no issues with it.

I spoke with Chief George Merkel of the Vergennes Police. Chief Merkel is also the current President of the Vermont Chiefs of Police Association. Chief Merkel indicated that he has no real issues with the bill and reviewed it with other Vermont Chiefs of Police.

6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why? N/A

7. Rationale for recommendation: N/A.

8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:
N/A

9. Gubernatorial appointments to board or commission? N/A

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document

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