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SB 1683: peace officers; mutual aid agreements

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Overview

Establishes rules for the cross-certification of peace officers from states adjoining to Arizona.

History

Current law requires sheriffs to develop and adopt policies on when, or if, cross-certification of federal peace officers may occur in a county. Federal peace officers may possess and exercise all law enforcement powers in Arizona for one year if they submit specified information and are approved by a sheriff. Neither Arizona nor any of its political subdivisions are liable for the actions or inactions of cross-certified federal peace officers. The Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) is responsible for maintaining records of all federal peace officers cross-certified in Arizona ([A.R.S. § 13-3875](#)).

Provisions

1. Requires the sheriff of each county to develop and adopt a policy on when, or if, cross-certification of peace officers from adjoining states may occur in the county. (Sec. 1)
2. Authorizes a peace officer employed by the county of an adjoining state to possess and exercise all law enforcement powers in Arizona for one year if he:
 - a) submits a written request for certification as a peace officer in Arizona to the sheriff; and
 - b) provides evidence of his certification as a peace officer in his home state. (Sec. 1)
3. Permits peace officers from adjoining states to submit requests for cross-certification. (Sec. 1)
4. Stipulates that cross-certification remains in effect for one year after the certification was approved by the sheriff. (Sec. 1)
5. Asserts that a cross-certified peace officer's home state, not Arizona or its political subdivisions, is liable for any actions or inactions of the peace officer. (Sec. 1)
6. Instructs AZPOST to maintain records of all peace officers cross-certified in Arizona. (Sec. 1)
7. Exempts an adjoining state's peace officer from AZPOST certification requirements if an emergency in Arizona necessitates aid or assistance from the officer. (Sec. 1)
8. Defines *emergency*.

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