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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1702 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY HARPER, FREEMAN, MURT, DEAN, BRIGGS, GODSHALL,  
JOZWIAK, D. COSTA, DAVIS AND WHEELAND, AUGUST 16, 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 16, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), entitled "An  
2 act providing for the education and training of sheriffs and  
3 deputy sheriffs; creating the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff  
4 Education and Training Board under the Pennsylvania  
5 Commission on Crime and Delinquency; providing for the powers  
6 and duties of the board and the Attorney General;  
7 establishing the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and  
8 Training Account; providing for a surcharge on sheriffs'  
9 fees; and providing penalties," further providing for sheriff  
10 training requirements.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 6.1(a)(1)(i) of the act of February 9,  
14 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff  
15 Education and Training Act, is amended and the subsection is  
16 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

17 Section 6.1. Sheriff training requirement.

18 (a) Certification required.--

19 (1) It shall be the duty of any sheriff elected after  
20 the effective date of this section and not holding  
21 certification as either a deputy sheriff or sheriff on the  
22 first Monday in January next following the election, during

1 the sheriff's term of office:

2 (i) To obtain the education and training as provided  
3 in section 5, subject to any reduction in hours as  
4 provided in subsection (c) or exemption under paragraph  
5 (3).

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7 (3) An elected sheriff in a second class A county who  
8 has served at least ten years in the Armed Services,  
9 including the National Guard and Reserves of the United  
10 States, and is licensed to practice law in this Commonwealth  
11 and is in good standing shall be exempted from the Sheriff  
12 and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Program and  
13 eligible to run for reelection. An elected sheriff who is  
14 exempted under this paragraph shall be required to meet the  
15 continuing education requirements under section 6.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.