

HOUSE BILL 1264

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,  
Chapter 10; Title 38 and Title 39, relative to  
constables.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-102(a)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) Have been certified by a Tennessee licensed healthcare provider qualified in the psychiatric or psychological field as being free from any impairment, as set forth in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) of the American Psychiatric Association at the time of the examination, that would, in the professional judgment of the examiner, affect the applicant's ability to perform an essential function of the job, with or without a reasonable accommodation;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-202(a), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):

(2) In addition to the in-service course time required pursuant to subdivision (a)(1), a constable with law enforcement powers must, within twelve (12) months of being elected or appointed, successfully complete a training program that is equivalent to or superior to the training or continuing training required for a law enforcement officer under standards established by the peace officer standards and training commission for law enforcement officers.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to constables elected or appointed on or after that date.