

SENATE BILL NO. 192

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S.40:2405(A)(3), (H)(1)(a), the introductory paragraph of (J)(1),  
3 and the introductory paragraph of (J)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.1.6, 2404.3, and  
4 2405(A)(4), relative to law enforcement; to provide for the use of tactical medical  
5 professionals by law enforcement; to provide for qualifications of tactical medical  
6 professionals; to authorize tactical medical professionals to possess a firearm in  
7 certain situations; to provide for requirements for the law enforcement agency  
8 appointing a tactical medical professional; to provide for immunity for tactical  
9 medical professionals; to provide for auxiliary peace officer training requirements;  
10 to provide for the number of hours of training required; to provide for separate  
11 training requirements for auxiliary peace officers; and to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S.40:2405(A)(3), (H)(1)(a), the introductory paragraph of (J)(1), and the  
14 introductory paragraph of (J)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1379.1.6,  
15 2404.3, and 2405(A)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

16 **§1379.1.6. Tactical medical professionals**

17 **A. As used in this Section, "tactical medical professional" means a**  
18 **licensed paramedic or physician as defined in R.S. 37:1262, who is employed or**  
19 **contracted by a law enforcement agency to provide direct support to a tactical**  
20 **law enforcement unit by providing medical services at high-risk incidents,**  
21 **including but not limited to hostage incidents, narcotics raids, hazardous**  
22 **surveillance, sniper incidents, armed suicidal persons, barricaded suspects,**  
23 **high-risk felony warrant services, fugitives refusing to surrender, and active**

1 shooter incidents.

2 B. While actively operating in direct support of a tactical operation by  
3 a tactical law enforcement unit, a tactical medical professional may carry a  
4 firearm in the same manner as a law enforcement officer at any place a tactical  
5 law enforcement operation occurs if all of the following conditions are met:

6 (1) The tactical medical professional is lawfully able to possess firearms  
7 and has an active concealed weapons permit issued pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.3.

8 (2) The tactical medical professional is appointed to a tactical law  
9 enforcement unit of a law enforcement agency by the head of the law  
10 enforcement agency.

11 (3) The law enforcement agency has an established policy providing for  
12 the appointment, training, and deployment of the tactical medical professional.

13 (4) The tactical medical professional has successfully completed firearm  
14 safety training and tactical training as established or designated by the  
15 appointing law enforcement agency.

16 (5) The law enforcement agency provides, and the tactical medical  
17 professional participates in, annual firearm training and tactical training.

18 C. While actively operating in direct support of a tactical operation by  
19 a tactical law enforcement unit, a tactical medical professional:

20 (1) Has no duty to retreat and is justified in the use of any force which  
21 he reasonably believes is necessary to defend himself or another from bodily  
22 harm.

23 (2) Has the same immunities and privileges as a law enforcement officer  
24 in any civil or criminal action arising out of a tactical law enforcement unit  
25 operation when acting within the scope of his official duties.

26 D. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to authorize a  
27 tactical medical professional to carry, transport, or store any firearm or  
28 ammunition on any fire apparatus or EMS vehicle.

29 E. The appointing law enforcement agency shall issue any firearm or  
30 ammunition that the tactical medical professional carries in accordance with



1 council on an annual basis. All initial training requirements shall be completed  
2 within the first calendar year after receiving P.O.S.T. certification and annually  
3 thereafter.

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5 §2405. Peace officer training requirements; reimbursement by peace officer

6 A. \* \* \*

7 (3) No later than January 1, 2026, the council shall develop an updated  
8 training program for auxiliary peace officers that complies with the provisions  
9 of R.S. 40:2404.3.

10 ~~(3)~~(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and subject to the  
11 policy and procedures of the law enforcement agency with which he is employed, a  
12 ~~reserve or part-time, reserve, or auxiliary~~ peace officer may be permitted to carry  
13 a concealed weapon if he has completed the Council on Peace Officer Standards and  
14 Training basic firearms course.

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16 H.(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the qualification to serve as  
17 a peace officer pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter of a person who is not  
18 serving as a peace officer in any capacity shall be retained without further training  
19 being required for a period of five years from the date on which such person ceased  
20 to serve as a peace officer, provided the person meets all of the following  
21 requirements:

22 (a) Served as a full-time, part-time, ~~or~~ reserve, or auxiliary peace officer  
23 who met all requirements of this Chapter for a continuous period of not less than two  
24 years immediately preceding the date on which he ceased to serve as a peace officer.

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26 J.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the P.O.S.T.  
27 certification of any qualified peace officer, whether employed full-time, part-time,  
28 ~~or~~ reserve, or auxiliary shall be revoked upon the occurrence of any of the following  
29 conditions:

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