

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 192

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Provides relative to law enforcement. (8/1/25)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2404.2(A) and (B)(1) and 2405(A)(2) and (3), (H)(1)(a), the introductory paragraph of (J)(1), and the introductory paragraph of (J)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.1.6, 2404.3, and 2405(A)(4), relative to law enforcement; to provide for the use of tactical medical professionals by law enforcement; to provide for qualifications of tactical medical professionals; to authorize tactical medical professionals to possess a firearm in certain situations; to provide for requirements for the law enforcement agency appointing a tactical medical professional; to provide for immunity for tactical medical professionals; to provide for law enforcement training requirements; to provide for the number of hours of training required; to provide for separate training requirements for reserve and auxiliary peace officers; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2404.2(A) and (B)(1) and 2405(A)(2) and (3), (H)(1)(a), the introductory paragraph of (J)(1), and the introductory paragraph of (J)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1379.1.6, 2404.3, and 2405(A)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 **§1379.1.6. Tactical medical professionals**

2 **A. As used in this Section, "tactical medical professional" means a**
3 **licensed paramedic or physician as defined in R.S. 37:1262, who is appointed to**
4 **provide direct support to a tactical law enforcement unit by providing medical**
5 **services at high-risk incidents, including but not limited to hostage incidents,**
6 **narcotics raids, hazardous surveillance, sniper incidents, armed suicidal**
7 **persons, barricaded suspects, high-risk felony warrant services, fugitives**
8 **refusing to surrender, and active shooter incidents.**

9 **B. While actively operating in direct support of a tactical operation by**
10 **a law enforcement agency, a tactical medical professional may carry a firearm**
11 **in the same manner as a law enforcement officer at any place a tactical law**
12 **enforcement operation occurs if all of the following conditions are met:**

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

15 **(2) The tactical medical professional is appointed to a law enforcement**
16 **tactical team of a law enforcement agency by the head of the law enforcement**
17 **agency.**

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

20 **(4) The tactical medical professional has successfully completed firearm**
21 **safety training and tactical training as established or designated by the**
22 **appointing law enforcement agency.**

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

25 **C. While actively operating in direct support of a tactical operation by**
26 **a law enforcement agency, a tactical medical professional:**

27 **(1) Has no duty to retreat and is justified in the use of any force which**
28 **he or she reasonably believes is necessary to defend himself or herself or**
29 **another from bodily harm.**

1 minimum of eight hours of in-service training requirements prescribed by the
 2 council on an annual basis. All initial training requirements must be completed
 3 within the first calendar year after receiving P.O.S.T. certification and annually
 4 thereafter.

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6 §2405. Peace officer training requirements; reimbursement by peace officer

7 A. * * *

8 (2) Any person who begins employment as a part-time ~~or reserve~~ peace
 9 officer in Louisiana on or after January 1, 2022, shall successfully complete a
 10 certified training program approved by the council and successfully pass a council-
 11 approved comprehensive examination within three calendar years from the date of
 12 initial employment. The three-year period in which a part-time ~~or reserve~~ peace
 13 officer is required to complete a certified training program approved by the council
 14 and successfully pass a council-approved comprehensive examination is not
 15 interrupted if the peace officer leaves the employing agency to be employed as a
 16 part-time ~~or reserve~~ peace officer at another agency in Louisiana. Any person who
 17 fails to comply with this requirement shall be prohibited from exercising the
 18 authority of a peace officer; however, the person shall not be prohibited from
 19 performing administrative duties. In no case shall a part-time ~~or reserve~~ peace officer
 20 be prevented from continuing his duties if the employing agency is unable to provide
 21 the requisite training because of a shortage of funds.

22 (3)(a) Any person who begins employment as a reserve or auxiliary peace
 23 officer in Louisiana on or after January 1, 2022, shall successfully complete a
 24 certified training program approved by the council and successfully pass a
 25 council-approved comprehensive examination within three calendar years from
 26 the date of initial employment. The three-year period in which a reserve or
 27 auxiliary peace officer is required to complete a certified training program
 28 approved by the council and successfully pass a council-approved
 29 comprehensive examination is not interrupted if the peace officer leaves the

1 employing agency to be employed as a reserve or auxiliary peace officer at
 2 another agency in Louisiana. Any person who fails to comply with this
 3 requirement shall be prohibited from exercising the authority of a peace officer;
 4 however, the person shall not be prohibited from performing administrative
 5 duties. In no case shall a reserve or auxiliary peace officer be prevented from
 6 continuing his duties if the employing agency is unable to provide the requisite
 7 training because of a shortage of funds.

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

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

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

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

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

(Amends R.S. 40:2404.2(A) and (B)(1) and 2405(A)(2) and (3), (H)(1)(a), (J)(1)(intro para), and (J)(2)(intro para); adds R.S. 40:1379.1.6, 2404.3, and 2405(A)(4))